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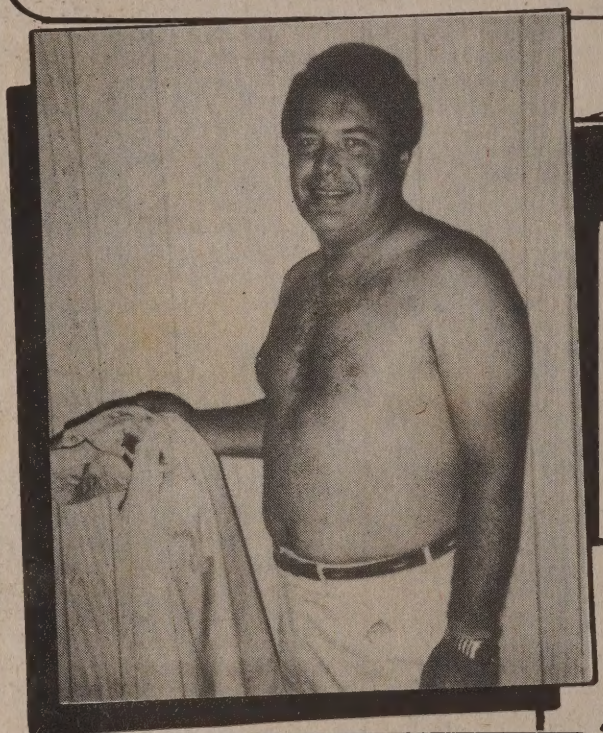

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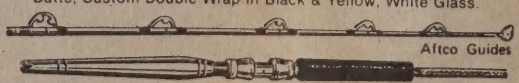

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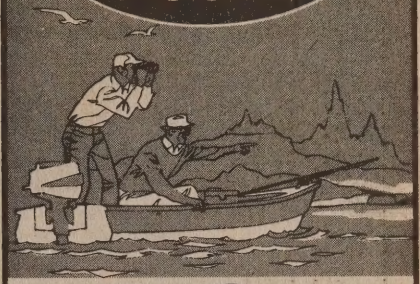

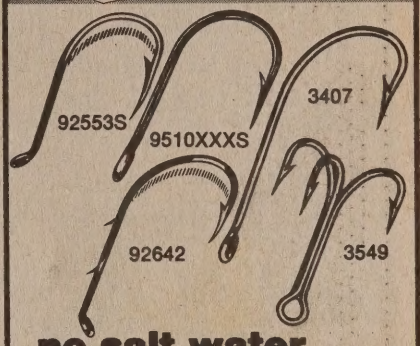

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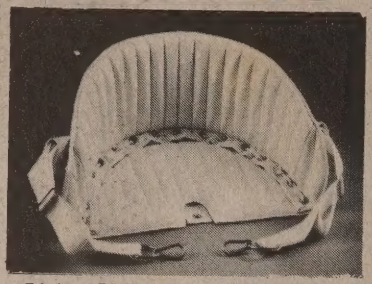

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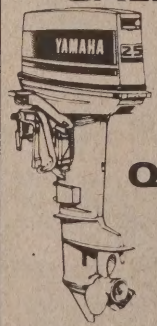

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Winners of the Captree/Jones Beach Fluke Derby, sponsored by The Fisherman, Captree Bait and Tackle and the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission included: 1st place—Peter Tobiason of Merrick; 2nd place—James Wagner of Flushing; 3rd place (tied)—Richard Canner of Massapequa and Ray Stuezz of Merrick; 4th through 6th places (tied)—Don Heller of Carle Place; Elizabeth D'Angelo of Dix Hills and Janet Kelly of Ronkonkoma; 7th place—Robert Levenson of Merrick; 8th through 10th—Ron Perietti of Deer park; Charles Wagner of Queens and Ron Perietti. First place was worth $500; second $250; and third, $100.

CABINETMAKING SURFCASTER WINS U.S. DISTANCE CASTING TITLE

A custom cabinetmaker from Cape Cod today cast a five and one-quarter ounce sinker more than the length of two football fields to become the national campion in the 1985 Du Pont "Stren" Longcasting Tournament Series.

Ron Arra, of Sandwich, Mass., took the top prize of $1,000 with a cast of 656 feet 1 inch at the competition held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of American.

The championship was the final event of the "Stren" Longcasting Tournament Series sponsored by the DuPont Company, makers of "Stren" fishing line. Five regional tournaments were held earlier this spring. All five regional winners traveled to Phoenix for the contest.

In the competition, each caster was allowed three casts. The longest of the three became his official score. The second place finisher, Don Kohlman of Newport News, VA, nearly unseated Arra, the reigning U.S. distance champion, with a cast of 651 feet 1 inch. Kohlman took home $500 for his effort.

Third in the competition was Tom Ellingsworth of Wilmington, DE. Ellingsworth's cast of 550 feet 7 inches qualified him for a $300 prize. Fourth prize winner was Harry Bonner of Huntington Station, NY. John Reason of San Jose, CA, finished fifth.

"I had hoped to set a new record here in the dry desert air," said Arra, who set the U.S. distance record in April with a cast of 737 feet 11 inches. "I guess it just wasn't in the cards and I'll try again next year."

In addition to the 1985 first prize money, Arra earned the right to defend his title in the 1986 finals without first being required to compete in regional tournaments.

Second-place finisher Kohlman vowed to win the 1986 Middle Atlantic regional event so that he can confront Arra once more in the national championship.

"When you come within five feet of the championship, you just can't walk away," said Kohlman.

USA COALITION DECLARES A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

A coalition of seafood processors, commercial and sport fishermen, labor and transportation groups today issued a Declaration of American Seafood Independence, urging Pacific Northwest residents to actively support a date-certain phase out of foreign fishing and processing in U.S. waters.

The group, known as the United Seafood Americanization (USA) Coalition, seeks to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to:

- eliminate all foreign fishing in American waters by 1988;
- phase out foreign processing in U.S. waters by 1990;
- hold at current levels the sale of American harvested fish to foreign floating processors—until foreign processors are replaced by domestic processors in 1990.

The proposed amendment does not include tuna, which is subject to international management.

According to Bob Morgan, President of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association and a member of the USA Coalition Advisory Committee, "Foreign nations are currently exploiting what should be *our* multi-billion dollar groundfish industry. We're giving away the resource to foreign nations who add value to it and send it back to us," Morgan noted. "That makes us a colony."

Morgan points out that within the U.S. 200 mile zone in the North Pacific, foreign fishing interests are currently taking more than four billion pounds of groundfish annually—over 80 percent of the total catch—with Japan, Korean, and the Soviet Union getting the lion's share.

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the region could be created by full Americanization of the resource.

So popular are the Coalition's goals in Alaska that 21 municipalities to date have issued resolutions in support of a phase out of foreign fishing and processing. In addition, the State Senate recently voted 17-0 in favor of the Coalition's goals.

The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, shepherded through Congress in 1975 by Washington's former Senator Warren G. Magnuson, is due for re-authorization this fall.

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THE YEAR OF THE TROUT

Twelve years ago, Winchester Press published a book entitled, The Year of The Angler, by Steve Raymond with illustrations by Dave Whitlock. That book was acclaimed as "one of the more delightful publications in its genre" by The New York Times, "the perfect companion" for angling readers by Publishers Weekly, and "one of the finest angling books of its kind" by Library Journal. It was selected by the American Booksellers Association for presentation to the White House Library.

Now, at last, Steve Raymond has written another book in the same marvelous genre, a future classic that can be read independently or treasured as a companion volume, The Year of The Trout.

Like Raymond's earlier masterpiece, it follows a seasonal format, with sections of essays and narratives appropriate to each of the four seasons. In the new book, however, each of the pieces is related to trout (including char and Atlantic salmon). Many of the accounts are set in the Lower Northweast or Montana, but the author also ranges to far-distant locales, from Alaska to various parts of the United States and the world. He includes a history of trout in New Zealand, the development of dry-fly fishing for cutthroat trout in salt water, an account of efforts to establish salmon runs in distant corners of the world, the real story of how the Dolly Varden got its name, reflections on books about trout, the politics of stealhead, the story of the fossilized remains of one of the earliest troutlike fish, and other, more personal accounts based on encounters with notable trout and notable trout fisherman.

Once again the illustration are by Dave Whitlock, who is deservedly famous not only as an angler but as an angling artist. His drawings make this work as handsome as it is readable, a gem that will be cherished by anyone who appreciates fishing literature.

Steve Raymond, an editor on the staff of The Seattle Times, is one of the country's most highly respected angling writers. His work has appeared frequently in Sports Illustrated, Fly Fishermen and many other publications, and has been included in a number of anthologies. In addition, he has appeared on ABC-TV's American Sportsman series. With his wife and their two children, he divides his time between a Seattle home and an old fishing cabin on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. Published by: Winchester Press, 220 Old New Brunswick Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

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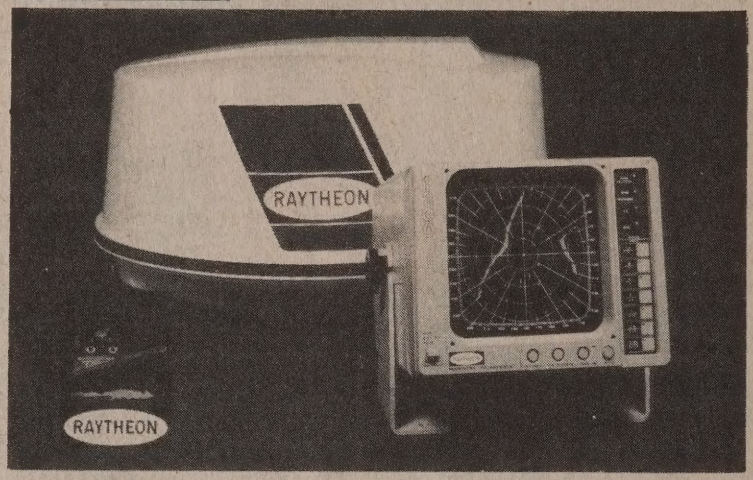

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In response to demands from consumers, Cutter Insect Repellent is making its Evergreen scent repellent available in new single use packets and pump spray dispensers for the 1985 insect season. The two new products join the Cutter line of aerosol, stick and cream repellents in the famous Original and Evergreen scent formulas that outdoorsmen trust for effective protection against mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas and biting flies.

The single use packets will be boxed in packages of eight and the pump spray will contain four ounces of repellent. They will be available in sporting goods, drug and grocery stores and other traditional outlets for Cutter products.

"We used sample packets of Cutter Insect Repellent as giveaways and promotional items," said Barbara Ebner, Senior Product Manager for Cutter Insect Repellent. "The response was so strong, especially from outdoorsmen, we decided to make them available for general use. We think outdoorsmen will appreciate how easy they are to carry and use."

The small foil packets contain enough cream repellent to provide one person with all day protection from biting bugs. The packets fit easily into pockets, backpacks, tackle boxes and glove compartments. They are also spill-proof and easily disposable so they can be taken and used anywhere.

The new non-aerosol pump spray is also a Cutter response to consumer requests. "Although aerosols deliver repellent efficiently, some people prefer non-aerosol sprays," said Ebner. "They can also be made more compact than aerosols and are less

prone to accidental sprays when carried in a bag or pack. We're pleased to provide consumers the choice."

The pump spray contains the same active ingredients that make Cutter aerosol spray so popular. The slim plastic bottle fits easily into backpacks, tackle boxes or bags, making it the ideal alternative for the outdoorsman who need serious, effective protection from bugs in an easily portable container. An overcap protects against accidental sprays.

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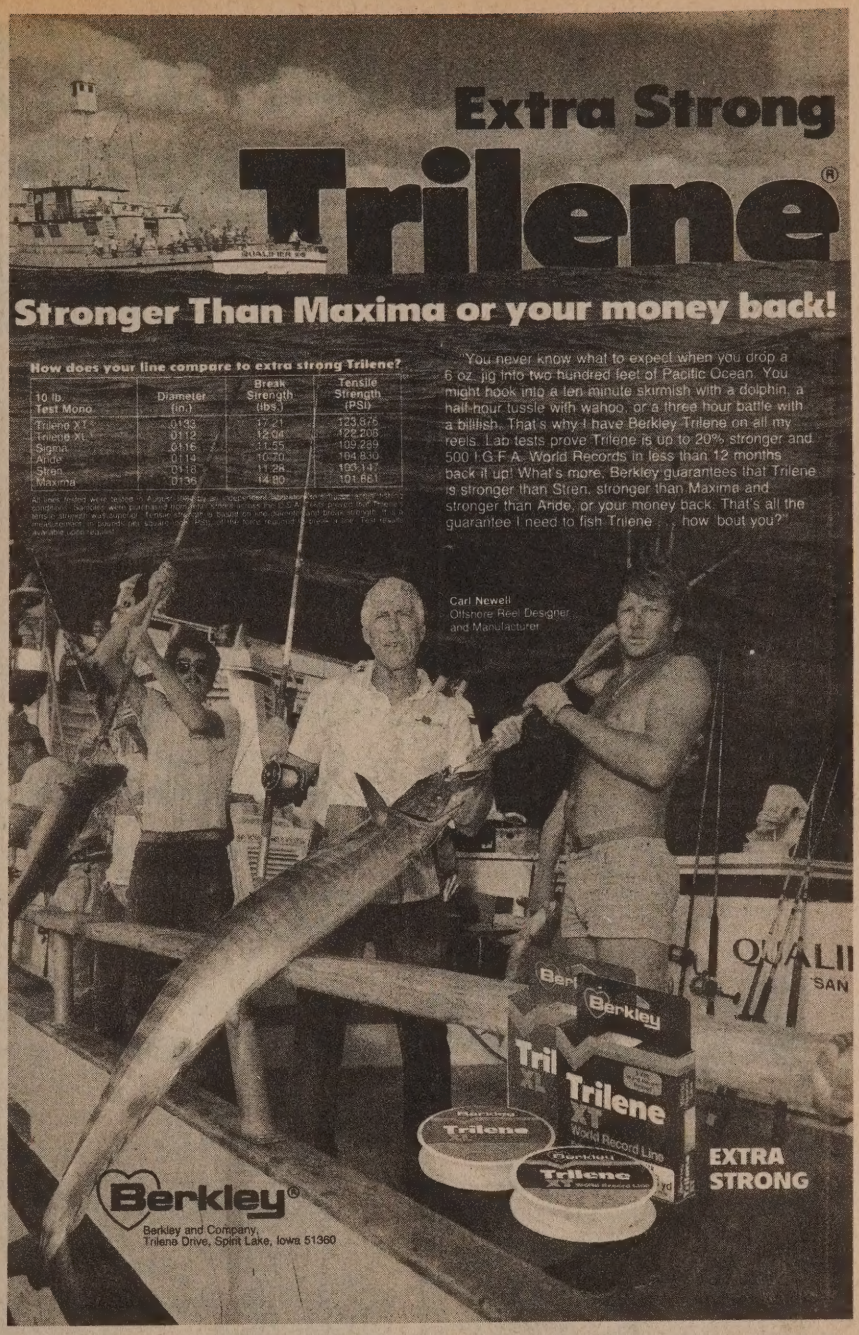
For additional information, call or write: Bill Shedd, Aftco Mfg. Co., Inc., 17351 Murphy Ave., Irvine, CA 92714; (714) 660-8757.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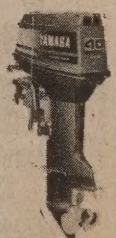

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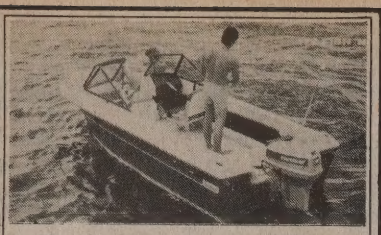

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CLUB STANDINGS—

CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. Gateway Striper Club	62	82	0	144
2. Farragut Striper Club	53	47	40	140
3. Striper Surf Club	16	43	0	59
4. Patchogue Fishing Club	20	9	15	44
5. East End Surf Club	0	0	30	30
6. Great South Bay Anglers	22	0	0	22
7. Mid Island Surfcasters	16	0	0	16
8. Empire Striper Club	0	0	0	0
9. High Hill Striper Club	0	0	0	0

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. J. McKay	14 pounds, 0 ounces	GSC
2. O. VanHelmond	10 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. P. Ciliento	9 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. G. Just	12 pounds, 6 ounce	EES
2. R. Meola	10 pounds, 4 ounces	EES
3. J. Yenick	10 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. McKay	GSC	39	48	0	87
2. K. Kassan	FSC	53	0	18	71
3. J. Augeri	GSC	11	34	0	45
4. S. Pantaleone	FSC	0	37	0	37
5. C. Sztorc	SSC	0	29	0	29
6. S. Golofaro	GSBA	22	0	0	22
7. J. Fritz	FSC	0	0	22	22
8. O. VanHelmond	PFC	20	0	0	20
9. R. Meola	EES	0	0	18	18
10. C. Rance	MIS	16	0	0	16
11. L. Gobel	SSC	16	0	0	16
12. J. Yenick	PFC	0	0	15	15
13. T. Incantalupo	SSC	14	0	0	14
14. G. Just	EES	0	0	12	12
15. T. Lore	GSC	12	0	0	12
16. G. Innes	FSC	0	10	0	10
17. P. Ciliento	PFC	0	9	0	9

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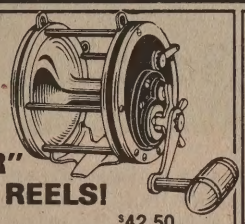

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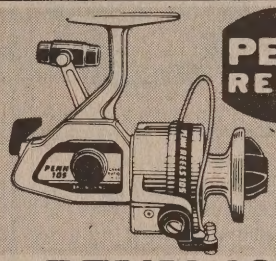

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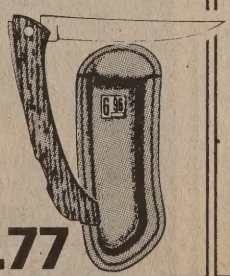

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PLANO "SUPER" TACKLE BOXES

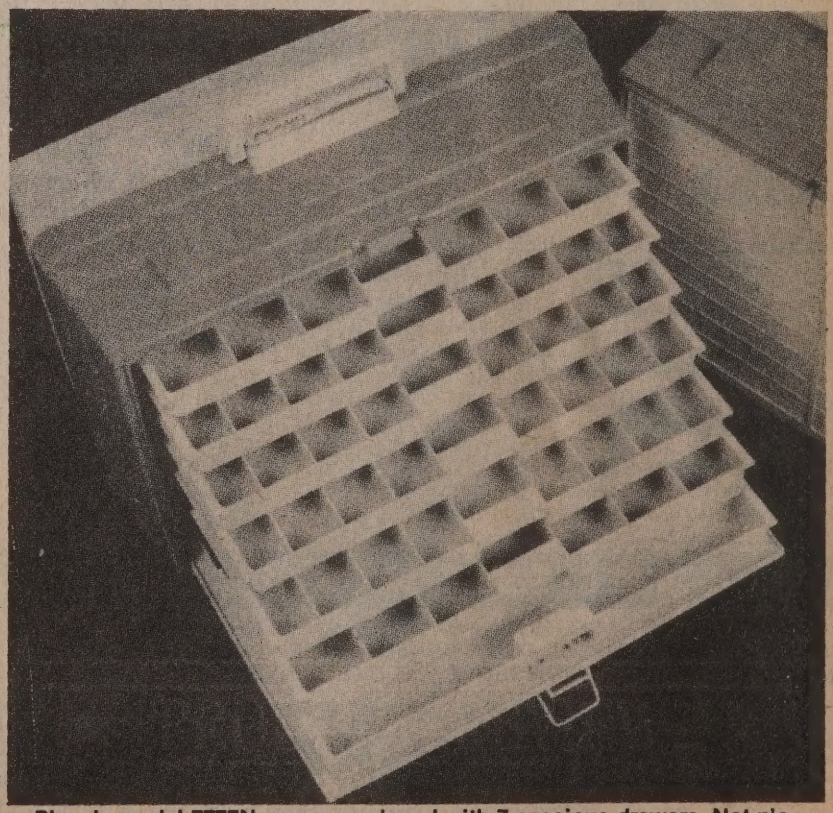
by Fred Golofaro

Every angler is ultimately confronted with the problem of storing and transporting their growing collection of lures and tackle. Unless one is a dyed-in-the-wool bait fisherman, the number of wood, plastic and metal imitations, you're likely to accumulate over the years, can be staggering. For most of us, storing this collection of fish-getters in an orderly fashion can be a major headache.

Plano Molding Company of Plano, Illinois, long a major force in the tackle box field, provides a simple solution to the problem. They have manufactured a pair of "super" boxes that come with options designed to meet the needs of the most discriminating angler. These suitcase size tackle boxes come with interchangeable drawers that allow you to cover a wide range of storage needs. They answer to the model numbers 7777N and 777RN.

The 7777N is most often touted as best suited to the needs of saltwater anglers, while the 777RN, with its designation as the "official box of the Bass Master Classic," is generally favored by the freshwater set. In reality, both can be easily adapted to fresh or salt water use as a result of optional drawers.

The 7777N comes standard with 90 compartments divided among 7 "plastic worm proof" drawers. The breakdown includes 1 drawer of 7 compartments 1¼" deep, 1 drawer of 7 compartments 1½" , 4 drawers of 18 compartments each 1¼" deep and



Plano's model 7777N comes equipped with 7 spacious drawers. Not pictured is the model 777RN which is designated as the official tackle box of the Bass Master Classic.

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Saltwater anglers requiring plenty of lure storage space, frequently opt for the addition of two or three more seven compartmented shelves (better suited to holding large lures) to replace the 18 compartmented tray. It's a good idea to retain at least one of the smaller compartmented trays as they are ideal for storing terminal gear such as loose hooks, snaps, swivels, sinkers and even some of your smaller lures and bucktails.

Serious boatmen and surfmen alike, frequently rely on some kind of built-in storage in their boat or buggy for keeping their arsenal in order. These well organized boxes allow you to easily remove this gear after each fishing trip which can thwart theft, and allow you more flexibility when fishing with a friend's boat or buggy. Tackle maintenance (replacing rusty hooks, etc.), is also more easily accomplished by being able to transport your collections of lures and other tackle right to the workbench.

The popularity of the 777RN with fresh water bassmen is easily explained. It's one 3¼;; deep drawer, comes equipped with removablee spinner bait racks and provides ample room for storing jars of pork rind and similarly bulky items.

Both boxes come equipped with rugged handles and dependable latch systems, while strong ABS construction virtually guarantees many seasons of use. I've had a similarly constructed, but smaller model of one of these boxes for nearly 18 seasons and it is still going strong. It spent a good part of many seasons getting bounced around the deck of a hard running center console and an equal amount of time knocking about the back of beach buggies. Despite all of this abuse, the box continues to serve me well to this day.

The overall dimensions of the two boxes are 19 inches long, 9½ inches wide and 13-5/8 inches high. All drawers are equipped with Stay-Dri ribs and as mentioned earlier, additional drawers are available. They can be ordered direct from the manufacturer and all but the 3¼" deep spinner bait tray are $5.25. Order blanks are included in all new boxes. Also available from the manufacturer is an optional personalized nameplate. Here, too, a form is provided in all new boxes. Prices on these boxes may vary considerably from store to store, but expect to pay somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty-five to seventy-five dollars.

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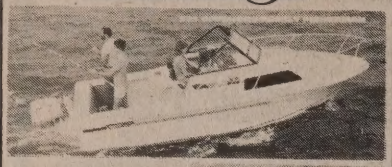
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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am having a little trouble getting any distance when I cast from the surf or off the jetties. I am using a 9 foot rod which has lots of strength and can easily handle sinkers of up to six ounces plus a hunk of bait. My reel is a well known model that has a capacity of about 300 yards of 15 lb. test mono and I normally use plugs of 5/8 up to 1½ ounces when fishing for blues or bass off the beach.

Why can't I cast a hundred yards with this setup? I always read about long distance casters who use only one or two ounces and can send them out 400 to 600 feet. What I am doing wrong and how do I go about correcting it? *George Henry.*

Dear George,

I have not met many jetty fishermen or surf casters who can sling a hunk of bait 500 feet. I also have yet to meet any average jetty jock who can sling a rigged eel an honest 75 yards or a plug that distance.

The pros who specialize in long distance casting carry finely tuned reels and have specialized casting rods made to their specs. They do indeed attain some tremendous yardage when using this kind of equipment, but the average caster seldom, if ever, attains this height of professionalism and he really has no need to cast that far when fishing off the jetties or along the surf.

We've used an 8 foot jetty rod for the better part of 30 years and it gives us all the distance we need when slinging rigged eels that behave like wet socks, or when tossing a lightweight plug into the teeth of a howling northeaster. The reason you fish jetties is because they offer game fish a place to feed on smaller fish, crabs, or mussels. If you attempt to cast 200 yards, all that you will be accomplishing is to place your lure or bait 190 yards past the fish you are hoping to catch.

If you are casting an honest 75 yards (with metals or mid-weight plugs) you should be about average in the casting department. Anything over that is to be considered a bonus. You can, if distance is really that important, purchase a reel that has a larger spool diameter. The bigger spool wil allow line to come off the spool more freely and will increase your casting range, providing you continue to use the same line test with the larger reel.

Most of the big stripers we've caught when fishing the jetties were taken within 20 yards (60 feet) of the rocks, and that is the area you should attempt to cover when slinging plugs, metals or other baits.

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Dear Doc,

I've been following columns in The Fisherman for at least a half dozen years and in all that time I have yet to see a story describing the various types of buckails and why each has a different configuration. Why do some bucktails have a bug-eye look and others resemble a bullet head or a plain flat face much like a bean. Does each have a specific use or do all models perform basically the same? I'd like to buy some bucktails for my tackle box, but do not want to spend a small fortune on models that function the same. *Larry Bergmier.*

Dear Larry,

Each style of bucktail does work differently than many other models. The basic principle is to present a lure deep that resembles a small bait fish or some type of bottom life, such as a sand eel (Nordic or Tiger Tail) and each has its place in the overall scheme of fishing.

We carry bulletheads, Smilin' Bills, Upperman lima beans, the traditional bug-eye and a lot of others that have never been produced commercially. Fact is, we've caught fish on every model that found a place in our tackle box or they would not be there taking up valuable space.

The bug-eye is generally a heavier bucktail and is used when currents are running full tilt or there is a definite need to get a lure way down in the water. This usually occurs when bass, blues or weakfish are feeding in a tide rip and are staying down near bottom to grab passing morsels. The flat faced lima bean will not dig in nor will the Smilin' Bill style. You might get down to the fish with a bullethead but the bug-eye is quicker and more efficient for this specific purpose.

Those slender lima bean type leadheads are perfect for light tackle casting where fish are feeding up near the surface or when they are taking small baitfish just beneath the surface layer. We have had some memorable fishing when using the 1/2 to 1½ ounce lima beans for weaks,

blues and schoolie size striped bass.

The heavy Smilin' Bill and the parachute style bucktails are ideal for deep jigging with wire line. Sizes can be critical and from past experience we generally carry 3, 4 and 5 ounce models when deep jigging with wire. The parachute bugs we use are not as heavy. As a rule, our heaviest is somewhere around 1½ ounces.

Oddball styles such as the square head Schneider, Kidney Bean, blunt nose and round ball are always useful and will, on occasion, outfish all other models. The round ball type has found favor among many weakfishermen and fluke specialists who prefer a lure to jazz up their baits.

We hope to publish an article in the very near future on the how-to's of bucktailing. Several readers have expressed an interest in learning how to work a bucktail and hopefully, the article will prove beneficial.

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Dear Doc,

I know this may seem like a dumb question, but could you set me straight. Why are the eyelets (guides) on a conventional rod so small. It would seem a conventional type rod would benefit from larger guides, similar to those found on spinning tackle, especially a setup which is used for surf fishing.

I matched up a Daiwa (conventional reel) with my 10 foot Ugly Stik and I feel I could cast farther. Maybe I am dreaming? *John Enos.*

Dear John,

Most quality rod guides are designed with certain specifics in mind. The large ring type guides found on most quality spinning rods are constructed that way to allow for "line slap" as the mono flies off the large spool of a spinning reel and funnels down through ever increasingly smaller ring type guides. This does not curtail casting distance as would a smaller guide opening.

Conversely, the smaller guides found on conventional type casting rods are built to allow line to flow evenly from the revolving spool reel. There is no need for a large "gathering" guide since the line is actually coming straight from the reel in a direct shot from reel to guide and on out through the rod's tiptop guide.

Line slap, meaning the commotion caused when line shoots off the fixed spool of a spinning reel and must be funneled into the first, or gathering guide, can cut casting distance considerably. With conventional type casting tackle you do not encounter this problem because there are no big loops of line that must be channeled into the first guide. I seriously doubt you would gain very much casting distance by using the large ring type guides on your surf rod if it was originally designed as a conventional outfit. If, however, you do use a spinning reel with that big stick, you will definitely need those large guides to allow reasonable casting distance.

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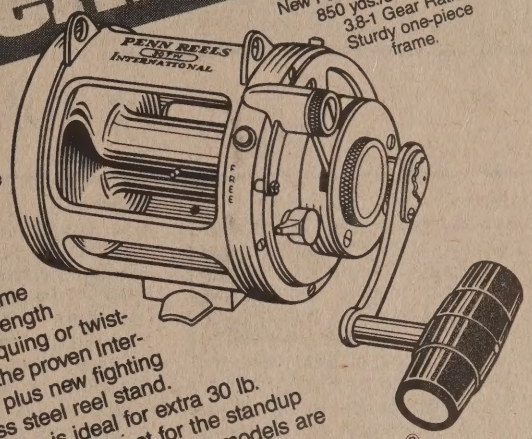

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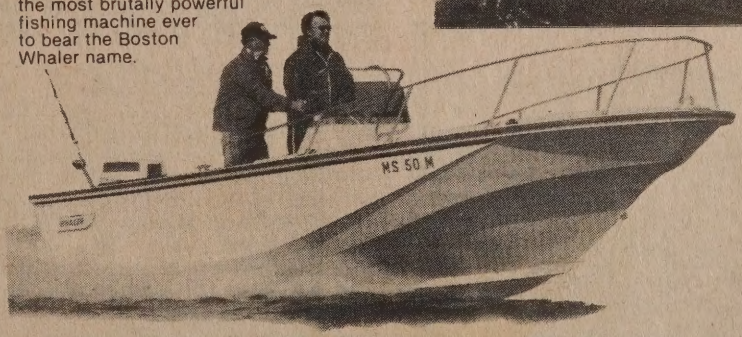

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THE NORNESS

by John Raguso

It was 1:20AM the morning of January 14, 1942, and the Norness was making her way westward along the Nantucket-to-Ambrose shipping lane with a full load of fuel oil in her tanks. There was a big heave on the ocean that night, as there normally is on the waters south of Block Channel, especially 45 fathoms offshore in the dead of winter. Suddenly the watch officer and helmsman felt a violent shock, as an Axis torpedo pierced her hull on the port side, fired from seaward. The crew on duty were thrown to the decks while those who had been asleep down below were tumbled from their bunks by the blast. A geyser of fuel oil from a storage tank ruptured by the torpedo sprayed the superstructure and decks with a slick coating of petroleum.

The master of the Panamanian registered tanker, Captain Harald Hansen, thought that she might have struck a mine. She was about 60 miles southeast of Montauk Point and not far from the area recently mined by the United States Army. Within a minute or two, however, the lookouts shouted that a submarine was visible in the gloom, not far from the wallowing tanker.

While the submarine, its master apparently quite confident that he was in no danger of interruption, leisurely circled the Norness, Captain Hansen ordered his men to abandon ship. It was in this process that two members of the crew, Kaare Reinertsen, a pump man, and Egil Bremseth, an oiler, lost their lives. They were lowering a lifeboat when the ropes supporting it, which had been soaked by the fuel oil thrown up by the explosion, slipped and the boat plunged into the dark sea below. Reinertsen and Bremseth were carried with it and were not seen again.

Captain Hansen and seven of his men succeeded in launching the ship's motor boat while 24 other members of the crew crowded into another lifeboat and the remaining six took shelter on a life raft. The motor in Captain Hansen's boat would not start, but the men who were in it desperately paddled it away from the sinking tanker.

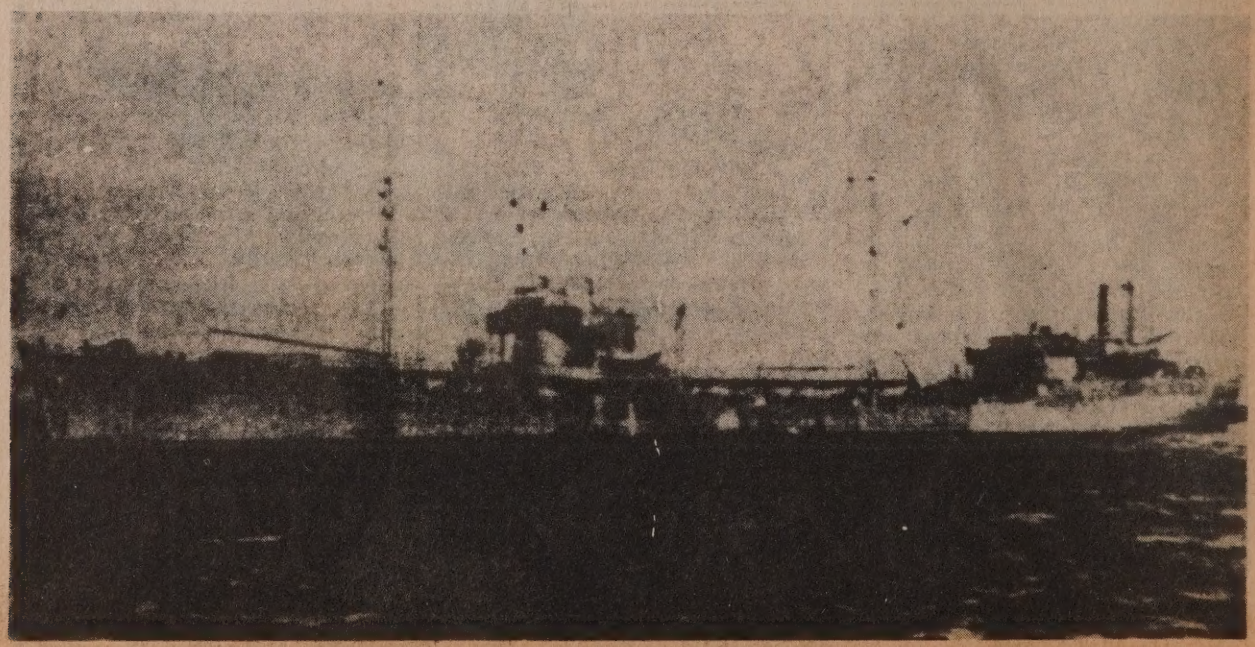
About ten minutes after the firing of the first torpedo, the submarine, after completing a half circle about the Norness, fired another torpedo from short range into her starboard side. Still not satisfied that the Norness was mortally injured, as tankers have been known to reach port safely with huge gaps in their hulls because of their inner compartmentation, the submarine continued its circuit of the ship and fired a third torpedo into the port side.

In the darkness the submarine came so close to the motor boat in which were Captain Hansen and his men that they could hear the guttural voices of the submarine's crew talking about their latest achievement. Captain Hansen and his men crouched low in the boat, fearful that the U-boat might machine-gun them, and consequently did not see the submarine clearly when it was close to them.

When they looked out they saw the Nornesss sinking by the stern, with her bow sticking almost perpendicularly out of the water. Captain Hansen said that the last of the three torpedoes had apparently struck the engine room of the tanker and exploded, blowing off part of the deck above.

While the long hours of the night dragged on, the lifeboats and the raft became separated. The men in Captain Hansen's boat had to bail constantly to keep the tiny craft afloat in the heavy seas. They hoisted a pea jacket fastened to an oar as a distress signal, and hoped for the best.

Thirteen hours elapsed before the



fishing trawler Malvina D., out of New Bedford, sighted the lifeboat and picked up Captain Hansen and his men. The skipper of the trawler, Magnus Isaksen, was making his first voyage in command of the Malvina D.

He said later that at first he thought the object floating in the distance was a buoy, but on drawing nearer he realized it was a boat filled with men. He said the eight men appeared exhausted and almost dazed by their ordeal. They were lifted aboard the trawler, wrapped in blankets and received hot coffee.

Captain Isaksen turned his boat to its home port of New Bedford, where he arrived late Wednesday night. On the way in the men he had rescued had little to say, although Captain Hansen did give him the bare outlines of what had happened.

Meanwhile a Naval patrol plane had sighted the slowly sinking Norness and the remaining lifeboat and life raft, and had radioed its discovery to the Naval stations at Newport and New London. A patrol destroyer under Lt. Comdr. John B. Rouney sped to the scene and rescued the 24 men in the lifeboat, while the men of the raft were picked up by a Coast Guard boat.

The rescued men were taken to the Newport Naval torpedo station and treated for exposure, immersion and nausea from swallowing oily saltwater, and after a few hours in bed most of them were able to get up and dress in clothing provided by the Newport chapter of the Red Cross.

Captain Hansen and several of the crew members were permitted to talk to reporters at a mass interview, and according to a New York Times report, "...The captain, a blond Norwegian who spoke English with a strong Scandinavian accent, said he had had no warning of an attack until the first torpedo struck.

"The Norness was armed, he said, but his men had no opportunity to use their guns. He declared that while he and his men were in the ship's motor boat, the submarine came within 75 yards of them. In the darkness he could not see it clearly enough to observe any identifying marks of its nationality, he said.

"Third Officer Divino Ask said most of the crew members were asleep when the first torpedo crashed into the side of the Norness. He added that the submarine made no attempt to shell any of the lifeboats.

"Several seamen reported they had been thrown into the icy, oil-coated water in leaving the Norness and had to swim around for sometime before they were picked up by the lifeboat and life raft. All those rescued agreed that the long hours of cold and hunger before their rescue had been a trying experience. Few of them were fully clothed during that period.

"Charles M. Karlsen, a 20-year-old Norwegian deckhand, said the deck blew up when the first two torpedoes struck, and oil spouted as if from faucets all over the place."

THE NORNESS
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: January 14, 1942
Length: 489 feet
Beam: 65 feet
Weight: 9,577 tons
Date Built: 1939
Depth of Water: 270 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 230 to 250 feet
Lat/Lon (approximate): 40-26-00N/70-50-00 W
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The sinking of the Norness on January 14th marked the official start of "Operation Paukenschlag" in East Coast waters. This German sea offensive against Allied shipping, spearheaded by the crack U-Boat wolfpacks, would declare open season on all Allied merchant marine shipping from Cape Cod to the Florida Straits, but concentrating on the approaches to New York and the Cape Hatteras area. Their efforts were terribly efficient, with the first wave of five subs sinking 200,000 tons of Allied shipping in the initial month of this operation.

One of the interesting ironies of this situation was that the first two ships sunk off the East Coast, the Panamanian tanker Norness and the British tanker Coimbra (covered a few weeks ago), were both German-built ships sent to the bottom by the same Axis submarine—U-123 piloted by Kapitaenleutnant Hardegen. The sub commander went on from these early victories to claim additional kills as he cruised southwest along the Continental Shelf to the Delaware/Hatteras vicinity, sinking the Esso tanker Allan Jackson; the freighters Norvana, Ciltvaria and the City of Atlanta, and seriously damaging the tanker Malay. The low profile of American coast defenses encouraged the U-Boat skippers to be even bolder in their later encounters with coastal shipping, accounting for 467 confirmed kills in Eastern Seaboard waters from January through July, 1942, with many of these occurring only a few miles from our beaches and inlets.

The position of the Norness at the time of her attack placed her directly in the westbound sea lane as she approached New York with her cargo. She did not sink immediately after U-123 pumped three lethal tin fish into her sides, but drifted aimlessly with her bow protruding skyward from the sea for about 12 hours before she finally foundered. Naval analysts at the time noted that the leisurely attack on the Norness followed the same pattern as that employed on the sinking of an Allied freighter off Canadian waters near Nova Scotia claiming 90 lives, a few days before the Norness incident. They explained that the firing of several torpedoes, including shots at both sides, was a common practice in U-Boat attacks on tankers in order to seal their fate.

Less than 24 hours subsequent to the sinking of the Norness, the Navy Department at Washington flashed a warning to all Eastern Seaboard shipping to beware of the Nazi submarine menace. An authorized Navy spokesman declared that the U-Boat threat extended "pretty well up and down the East Coast." This statement was a small consolation to those mariners who had to ply these infested waters and obviously not issued in time to save the Coimbra which suffered a similar fate to the Norness, but with much greater loss of life. Indeed, one of the Norness survivors in prophecy of the U.S. Navy warning bulletin said that enemy submarines were "as thick as catfish" in the waters where

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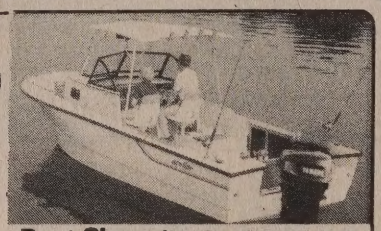

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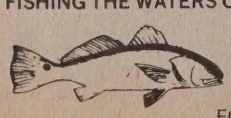

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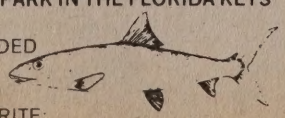

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they were attacked, claiming that one night when they were adrift they saw several U-Boats within a few hundred yards of their lifeboat.

The Norness also shared the same fate of the Coimbra in another respect. Both tankers were carrying tremendous quantities of fuel oil to New York for refining and distribution. It's estimated that the Norness' internal storage tanks held significantly more than the 81,000 barrel load of the Coimbra. German Navy records indicate although the Norness was a larger ship with more oil than the Coimbra, explosions from her attack by U-123 were not equal in intensity to those of the British tanker, whose raging fires incinerated 34 of her crew.

When oceanographer Henry Frey of New York did a mid-70s study of the sinkings to better understand the threat of this potential oil seepage menace to Long Island and New England beaches, he estimated that both the Norness and Coimbra were leaking oil at a nominal rate for now, but that their rusting storage tanks could let go at any time, thereby unleashing millions of gallons of fuel oil into a very productive fishing resource environment.

Speaking of fishing, I've had the good fortune of plying these waters a few times both going to and returning from forays into "The Fishtail" area of Block Canyon. The position of the Norness on the 45 fathom curve makes an ideal stop-over point for many of the East End's pelagic species, especially since there are few other wrecks in this general quadrant. It is a desolate area that's about 15 miles south of the famed "Dumping Grounds" and approximately 25 miles NNW of the only other listed wreck, that of the Trawler Fillet which foundered in October of 1928. These 45 to 50 fathom "flats" north of the Fishtail have produced a good number of large freight train-sized blue marlin in recent years as well as being a favorite spot for swordfish "stick boats" operating out of Montauk and Point Judith. I've caught yellowfin tuna and albacore here in consistent numbers and have 6/0 reels "spooled" on occasion by some of the larger Allison tuna. You won't normally find any bigeyes near the Norness, since they prefer the deeper waters of the Canyon edges, but the line-up of possibilities, including large sharks, dolphin and an occasional wahoo should make the menu an interesting one. I don't recommend making the long run to the Norness to fish her rusting hulk exclusively, but I do suggest that you budget some time to give her a shot when making the run home from Block Canyon.

Next week we're going to slide along the 100 fathom curve past "The Dip" and Hudson Canyon to an area that's northeast of the edge of Tom's Canyon to cover another victim of the Nazi U-Boat terror of early 1942: the wreck of the Argentine freighter, Rio Tercero.

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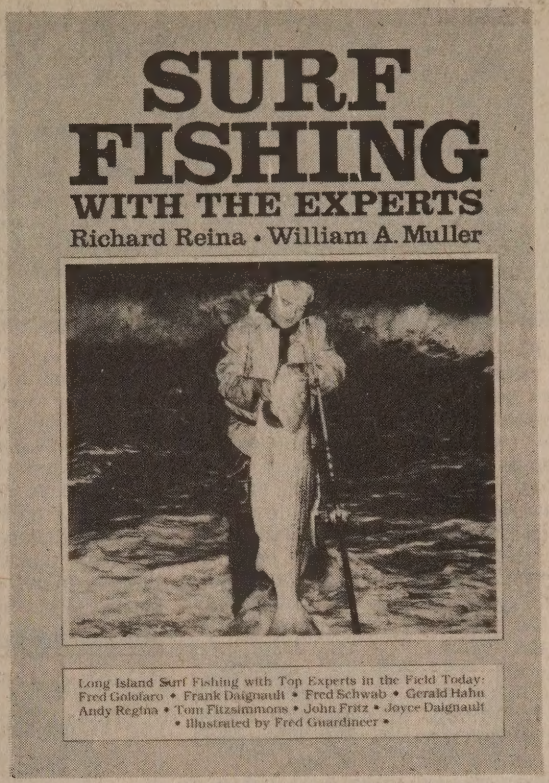
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THE MAKING OF A FISHERMAN

by Matt Ahern

I have known many fishermen over the years. Most were very good fishermen, and some were truly excellent. Of this select group, I can recall only a few who shone among these as a beacon in the night.

Now, what brought on this spell of nostalgia? I don't know. Just moments before writing these words, I sat before this typewriter deep in thought, casting about for a subject for this week's article. By some feat of mental magic my mind's eye riveted on the figure of a tall, thin, prematurely white-haired, soft-spoken fisherman I knew as a kid. His name was Matt Smith, the same Matt Smith I've written about over the years—in fact, only a month or so ago.

When it was discovered we had more in common than first names, that our interests lay in enticing fish to the baited hook, we took to each other like proverbial ducks to water—although I was only a tad at the time. Our friendship endured for years, but it was strictly a one-sided affair, for while I received all the fishing knowledge I needed, he received not one iota from me. But that didn't faze Matt one bit. We were good friends and that was all that mattered.

My acquaintance with this fine gentleman couldn't have come at a better time, for if anyone needed guidance in the piscatory arts, it was I. I was the hot-shot kid who thought he knew all there was to know about fishing. To this day I wonder how I could have been so self-centered. Until I met Matt Smith, though, you couldn't have convinced me otherwise. But because of Matt, I soon came to realize what I actually knew wouldn't fill a conch shell, but what I didn't would strain the hull of the Queen Mary.

I'm sure Matt was aware of this glaring fault at the time, but fine gentleman that he was, he led me along the path to good fishing without a bit of embarrassment for either of us. (Except for the time I wrote about a month or so ago.) He would have done well as a teacher instead of one of Brooklyn's master plumbers.

I'm sure I made a pest of myself more than once as I unwittingly intruded on Matt's family life just about every evening of the week to talk fishing. And when I reached my later teens and got a job as a party boat mate, things really heated up.

Matt would sit in his favorite Morris chair and nod his head as I unfolded the events of the day, making no comment until I'd finished. Only then would he tell me what he thought I'd done wrong when handling the big cod or fluke I migh thave lost that day. He would perhaps suggest a better method to place skimmer on the hook to avoid such occurrences in the future, or perhaps his reasons why I should give fluke more time to get

"Many times after that, when fishing the bow of a party boat, my imagination would play tricks on me. I would often see Matt sitting in that favorite Morris chair, giving me the very pointers used at the moment to push fish in the bucket."

combination baits down; plus how I might tell before setting the hook if the cod or fluke was large or just average size. There was always something for me to learn, and you may be sure I put his suggestions to good use. They always worked.

We spent many pleasant evening hours wrapping hooks and making fluke leaders to his specifications. He fashioned fluke leaders for each phase of the tide. There were fluke leader lengths made purposely for fast drift conditions on windy days and full moon tide activity, as well as those days when the boat barely moved in the tide-way.

These were the days before nylon monofilament fishing line was nothing more than a mere gleam in the eye of DuPont chemists. Our hook snells for most bottom fish were of tarred line; fluke hook snells and leader material of a substance called "catgut"—for want of a better name. To wrap a hook, waxed linen thread was used and to finish off the wrap it was necessary to use the Hidden Knot. All these things Matt taught me, plus how to tandem-tie tarred snells in three seconds flat.

Matt's expertise even went to line and with that in mind, let me say this: today's fishermen are indeed lucky. They no longer must be content with troublesome Irish linen line—and I say: thank God for that! It was Matt who taught me how to preserve Irish linen as long as possible. It saved me many a dollar for replacement, and also saved many an outsized fish for me because of this knowledge.

The best Irish linen line fishermen could use was known by its trade name of Joe Jefferson. Ashaway line was a top contender, too. All good fishermen used these. By today's prices its cost would be minimal, but 55 to 60 years ago a buck was a buck and because of this, one bought the best on the market. And if you were smart you took care of it. This meant removing it from the reel after every trip, washing it in fresh water and drying it in the shade. Exposure to sunlight, combined with salt crystals, weakened the line considerably. Beyond a certain stage, it couldn't be trusted to handle big fish.

But Matt dreamed up a gadget which safely dried linen line and removed salt crystals with slight washing. So far as I know, I was the only one who whom he shared this gadget. It worked like a charm. The life span of the line was increased at least four-fold.

In those days most everyone who worked for a living put in a half day on Saturdays. It was on those afternoons after work when Matt and I would hop the subway and ride over to Manhattan's Lower East Side. We'd stroll among the pushcarts and often we would pick up needed tackle at bargain prices. It was on one of these afternoons when we found "It."

"It" was a small, thin strip of rust-proof metal, both sides of which were generously endowed with tiny metallic scales. "It" was hand-painted a dark green along the dorsal line, light green along its sides, and a curious shade of pink along the bottom. About three inches long, its shape was exactly like a killie.

I had passed "It" by as being of no value, even if its cost was only a nickel. But Matt knew the potential that lure had for fluke and he bought it. He insisted I take it as a gift, saying we would try it the next day on the Sandy Hook population.

That evening we added it to one of my fluke leaders, placing it about three inches above the 4/0 Sproat hook. Matt insisted "It" be tied in with its head facing away from the hook to make it appear as if fleeing pursuit. This, he maintained, was the only way to use such a lure.

Matt's favorite party boat those days was Canarsie's White Eagle. (This was the one with the black hull, the first one. Anyone remember?) Her skipper was that truly master fisherman, Connie Rank. And it was on this boat that "It" was put to the test. And a good test it was, for we had selected a fluke fishing day when the fish decided to put on their finicky act. (Oh, sure, we had slow fishing days, too.) But on this slow day, "It" produced 42 fluke for me; Matt whom I recall as being next "high hook," had 17, and then on down the line to 8 or 10 for each fisherman. It seemed those fluke just could not resist that weird looking charlatan. When I put on a regular leader as an experiment, my catch became mediocre, but when I changed back to "It," I immediately nailed one fluke after another.

I offered to share "It" with Matt, but he refused, saying that I should enjoy myself and forget about him. Next weekend, he told me, we'd buy a dozen "Its" and knock the fluke dead for the next 50 years.

But alas, there were no more available; evidently we had gotten the last one on the pushcart. We tried to make one, but it didn't work. Even when it looked close enough to fool us, it didn't fool the fluke. I caught hundreds of fluke with "It" until I lost it to a piece of wreckage off Sandy Hook. Losing "It" was like losing my right arm.

Our friendship continued over the years and Matt acknowledged that I might someday become a fisherman. We went on many fishing trips together. Matt was a superb fisherman and for years each Sunday was our fishing day; we sure put a dent in the fish population—from flounder to cod.

But then, one day it all ended. While I was in the Army during World War II, I received a letter from Matt's wife. Matt had passed away. I'll tell you right now, I felt mighty low for a good, long time. It takes a long time to get over the loss of such a fine human being.

Many times after that, when fishing the bow of a party boat, my imagination would play tricks on me. I would often see Matt sitting in that favorite Morris chair, giving me the very pointers used at the moment to push fish in the bucket. It was then that I could hear him as plain as day. Maybe it wasn't imagination, after all. I like think not, anyway.

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SCORE WITH REYNOLD'S CHANNEL FLUKE

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

How and where to take fluke in this area from a knowledgable west end charter boat skipper.

I can still vividly remember my first fluke trip, courtesy of my Dad, my Uncle Chink and my Cousin Frankie. I must have been a painfully good boy that week. Bleary-eyed, yet filled with all the excited anticipation of a then eight-year-old kid, I leaped out of the car into the pre-dawn mist of the old Hennings Fishing Station parking lot. As I turned the corner that led to the ramp, I was stunned by what I saw! There hanging from the scale was a huge, black, torpedo-shaped object this little eight-year-old had ever laid his eyes on! "Dad, is that what a fluke looks like and are we gonna catch 'em that BIG!" Boy, was I disheartened when I found out that fluke looked a lot like flounder except that they had teeth, their eyes were on the other side of their head, and they were usually a little bigger. What do you want from a little kid who grew up on the sidewalks of East New York and thought that tuna fish swam around in those little round tin cans?

That trip took place more than 20 years ago, and I've netted a lot of fluke in Reynolds Channel since then. Reynolds Channel is a fluke fisherman's dream. You have approximately 10 miles of sandy bottom with water that is as shallow as 2 or 3 feet and as deep as 70 feet in some places. Fluke gain easy access to either end of the channel by way of East Rockaway Inlet (or Debbs Inlet, if you prefer) on the west end and Jones Inlet to the east. Major concentrations of bait are flushed in and out of these inlets twice daily and that is one of the reasons that these inlets produce so well. The channel is about 1/2 mile across at its widest point around Atlantic Beach and narrows down to a couple of boat lengths in some tight places. The channel is very well marked and easy to navigate. Basically it runs west to east between the inlets. Extra care must be taken when fishing the channel on foggy days or when visibility is otherwise limited because of the huge oil tankers and barges that use the western half of the channel regularly. Their maneuverability is severely limited and legally they have the right of way—even over you sailboaters! So pay **attention** and give these captains a break! They need it.

The south side of Reynolds Channel consists mostly of residentially developed bulkhead areas in the western end, which gradually change to undeveloped sandy beaches as you approach Jones Inlet to the east. The productive saltwater marshes that flank virtually all of the northern shoreline are indisputably esssential to the saltwater wetland's ecological food chain, and in fact, is the main reason fluke find these areas inviting: food is so readily available.

Although fluke can be caught almost anywhere in Reynolds Channel, I'll try and pinpoint some spots in this article that have produced for my crew in the past. Hopefully they will be as productive for you as they have been for us. Then later on, we'll review some basic techniques that should put a few fluke in the bucket!

Before I go on any further, let me take the Fifth Amendment right now. Although I've been fishing Reynolds Channel for over 20 years, I won't profess to come even close to knowing everything. Certain areas undergo change from season to season due to wind and raging currents, and that will affect their productivity. Also don't be surprised if I happen to neglect some of your favorite spots. This information is gathered strictly from my own personal observations throughout the years. But keep one thing in mind: you're never too old to learn anything new in this game of fishing!

I'm going to start at the very western end of Reynolds Channel namely East Rockaway Inlet and work my way east to Jones Inlet. Now would be a good time to get hold of Small Craft Chart #12352 so you can familiarize yourselves with the areas we're going to be talking about.

East Rockaway Inlet itself, is productive all season long and deserves plenty of attention if you intend to become a fluke sharpie. Both sides of the inlet produce, as well as the deep part of the main channel. Many experts feel that inlets are more productive on an outgoing tide. It's my opinion that the outgoing tide may hold a slight edge over incoming water. But I feel that as long as you have moving water and an acceptable drift pattern, you will be successful whether you're fishing incoming or outgoing water. Very calm days with little or no wind (to affect your drift) prove to be very successful around the inlet. Because of the funneling effect of all inlets, they can be very productive around slack water. There are always some residual currents to be found near an inlet that will enable you to continue drifting even during the slack stage of the tide. Consequently, when the current is really ripping, don't bother fishing the inlet. Let's take a moment to define an ideal drift. If you find that you can constantly keep in touch with the bottom with a 2 or 3 ounce sinker then you have ideal drifting conditions. Once you have to go over 5 or 6 ounces of lead, it might be best to find some quieter water. The inlet would also be the place to avoid when there's a lot of boat traffic because this just scatters the fish and makes them jittery. If conditions permit drifting right up close to the rock jetties around Beach 8th Street in Far Rockaway on the north side has already put some big fluke in our fishbox. The area right in front of the E. Rockaway Coast Guard Station (south side) is also a good bet. Be careful of the cable crossing that's clearly marked, lest you think you lost your rig to a record fluke. Ditto for the deep water right in front of the Reynolds Reef fishing station (formerly Hennings). Personally, I have never done well near or under the Atlantic Beach Bridge, but I have heard of some nice fluke taken there in the past. I save the bridge for my blackfish jaunts and striper expeditions under the quiet cover of darkness.

The flats on the north side of the channel between Banister Creek and the Cedarhurst Yacht Club are worth investigating especially on an incoming tide. The south side of the channel also has quite a few deep spots near the bulkheads that also produce. The south side of the channel directly across from the Yacht Club right up close to the docks of the private homes put a couple of nice fluke in our bucket last year. If you want to try out some heavier tackle there is a very deep hole east of buoy 3 that might contain some hefty fluke.

Further east, the flats off of Hicks Beach between buoys 5 and 7 should also be tested. Now let's head north

for a bit up Broad Channel. You'll pass a couple of small estuaries on the west side of the channel, which are very good right up close especially at the top of the outgoing tide. Heading further north and bearing to port you will notice some poles that act as day markers for the channel across from Duck Point. On days when the tide is really cooking and your drifts are too fast it might be worth your while to anchor up here. Cast your bait behind the boat and slowly work it back along the bottom. Hopping a small bucktail along the bottom is also a very effective technique we've used here. Bunker chum in a chum pot on the bottom may also help to improve your score. Heading still further north will put you in Woodsburgh Channel. When conditions permit, drifting up and down that channel can be very productive. The section of Woodsburgh Channel between red buoys 12 and 20 are very good but only around high water. This channel is very narrow and sometimes tough to fish from a 20 footer. If you do most of your fishing from a small skiff, I'd spend a lot of time in this place. If you could troll slow enough up and down that section of the channel, you'd be amazed at how many hits you'll get. One word of caution: pack plenty of bug sprays as it gets pretty buggy back here on a still day.

Let's get back to Reynolds Channel again and try fishing the part of the main channel across from the high school opposite Broad Channel. The middle of the channel here has been very good to my first First Mate (my brother Tom) who sneaks out during the week when it's much quieter out there on the water. Continuing our trip east, buoy 9 around the cement block and the flats adjacent to it always gets a lot of consideration from the local fleet. Just before you reach the railroad trestle, you'll find the entrance to Hog Island Channel to port. This is a very deep channel for tankers, barges and big fluke. Between can #5 and can #1 is a very good place to be early in the morning on any tide. Favor the west side of the channel up against the marshes.

Through the railroad trestle and under the Long Beach Bridge, the first large creek you come to on the north side just before day mark #1 is Shell Creek. The deeper parts around the mouth of the creek and further up in the back of the creek has been very productive for many years. Back to Reynolds Channel again on the south side, the part of the channel in front of the hospital is also worth prospecting.

The next creek to the north is Garretts Lead, identified by a white/orange channel marker 'H' and can 'H1' and has produced for a lot of local fluke fishermen. Be mindful of staying in the marked channel because the flats on both sides are very shallow. Be advised that this is another very narrow channel and is very difficult to fish if the wind is strong out of the east. The area of Reynolds Channel between buoy 16 and the green day mark #19 gets a lot of drifts from the party boat fleet. There are some mussel beds around the bend between buoys 16A and #18 that also produces some sea bass as well as fluke and is also a hotspot for flounder earlier in the season. Both edges of this section of the channel produce and it always inherits plenty of concentration from the rental skiffs based in Point Lookout. Further east, directly across from the fishing pier is Sea Dog Creek. The mouth of the creek and the creek itself is very good if you concentrate on the top half of the outgoing tide. The part of the channel on the east side of the Point Lookout Bridge is excellent for big fluke when the boat traffic is slow. Just try drifting down the middle of the channel from the bridge to Point Lookout. This place gets pretty crowded on weekends when the word is out, so it might pay to make this one of your first drifts early in the morning. During the week, boat traffic is seldom a problem.

Winding down the tour, we finally come to Jones Inlet. The inlet itself is an excellent site especially if you're keen on doormats. The trick is to be there when the inlet is relativély calm and quiet. Many times a good concentration of fish is found directly at the mouth of the inlet or directly outside it, a little bit to the west.

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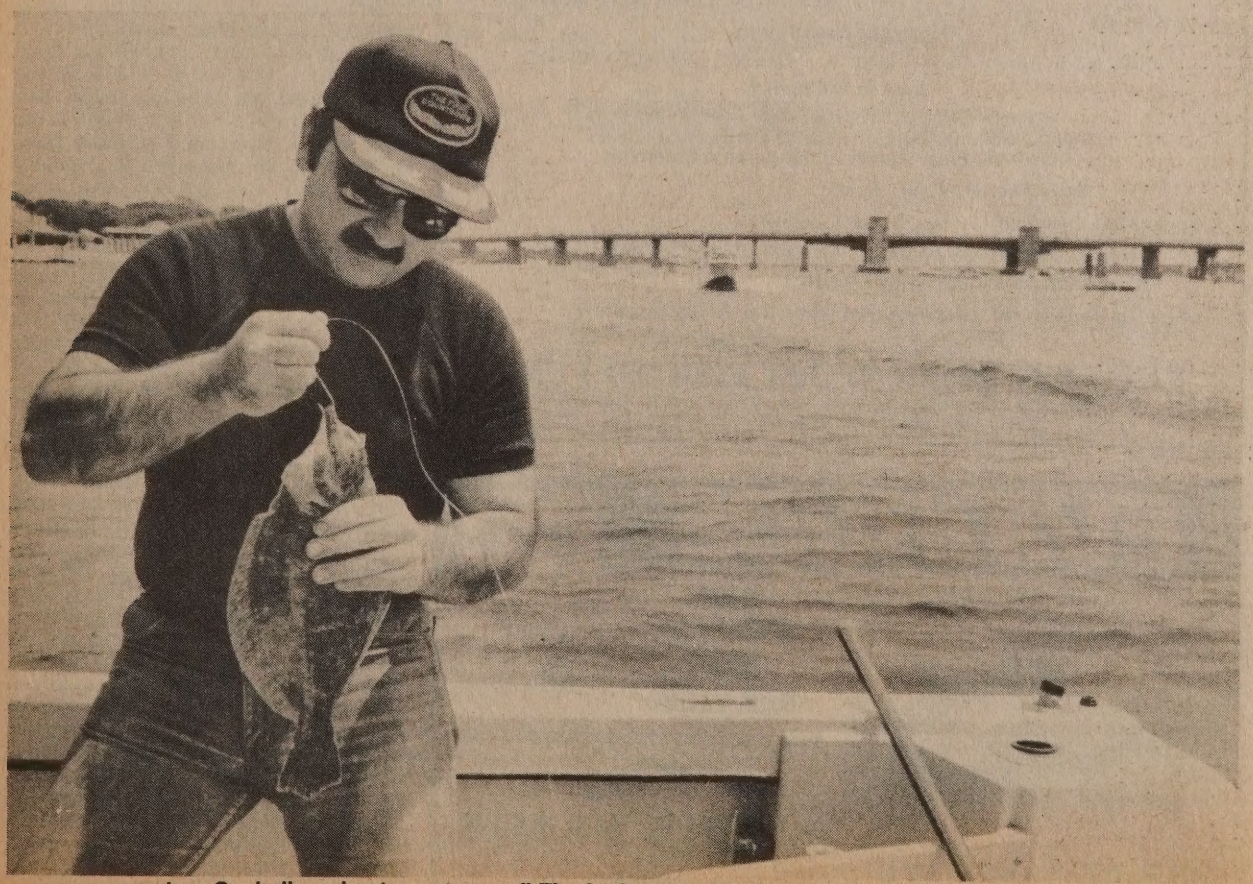

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You'll notice that in some instances, I made references to fishing a certain during a particular stage of the tide. I did this only when it was apparent that that particular stage of the tide produced better than any other. On the other hand, I didn't give a clue when to fish some of the other spots I mentioned. That's because I personally feel it's more important to have a good drift pattern, no matter which way the tide is running. After all if you aren't fishing an area because you feel the tide is wrong, you have zero chances of catching a fish there. But, if you're fishing an area (known to hold fish) even at the wrong stage of the tide, you have have a 1 in 10 chance of landing a fish there. But in any case, that one chance in 10 is 100 percent better than no chance at all. What all this boils down to is: when is the best time to catch fluke? Answer: When you're out there on the water fishing for them. Don't let an incoming or outgoing tide discourage you from fishing somehwere. As long as you have moving water, and your drift pattern lets you cover the ground you want, fish it!

Now that we know where to, let's review how-to. Spinning or conventional outfits are both fine, a light to medium weight rig should do nicely. For fishing the channel, 10 lb. test mono and an educated drag will work wonders and increase your catch dramatically. For simplicity's sake, take a three way snap swivel and tie it to the end of your line with a good clinch knot. Use a 2/0 or 3/0 Sproat hook snelled to a three foot leader and attach it to the other eye of the three way swivel. Snap on a suitable bank sinker that will keep you in constant touch with the bottom and your terminal tackle is all set.

For bait, our first choice is usually use a live killie and strip of squid. As our second choice we'll opt for a sand eel and squid strip combo. It pays to bring along more than one bait and experiment to see which one the fluke prefer that day. Without a doubt, my favorite inshore fluke bait is a nice lively killie and a fresh strip of squid.

When fishing the inlet areas, the sand eel and squid strip combo is sometimes the better choice. Small flat-sided white bucktails on very light spinning tackle make every fluke an adventure on the flats and back in the shallow bays. A slow high lift will hook your fair share of fluke. In any case make sure you have a net aboard for the keepers. Don't even bother attempting to net the short fish. The less handling, the better their chances of survival. Remove the hook gently and return the fish to the water unharmed. Remember, the New York State 14 inch limit! Sometimes you have to fish through the shorts to get to the bigger fish. There you have it! With the much milder weather here, now's the time to put a dent in the Reynolds Channel fluke population.

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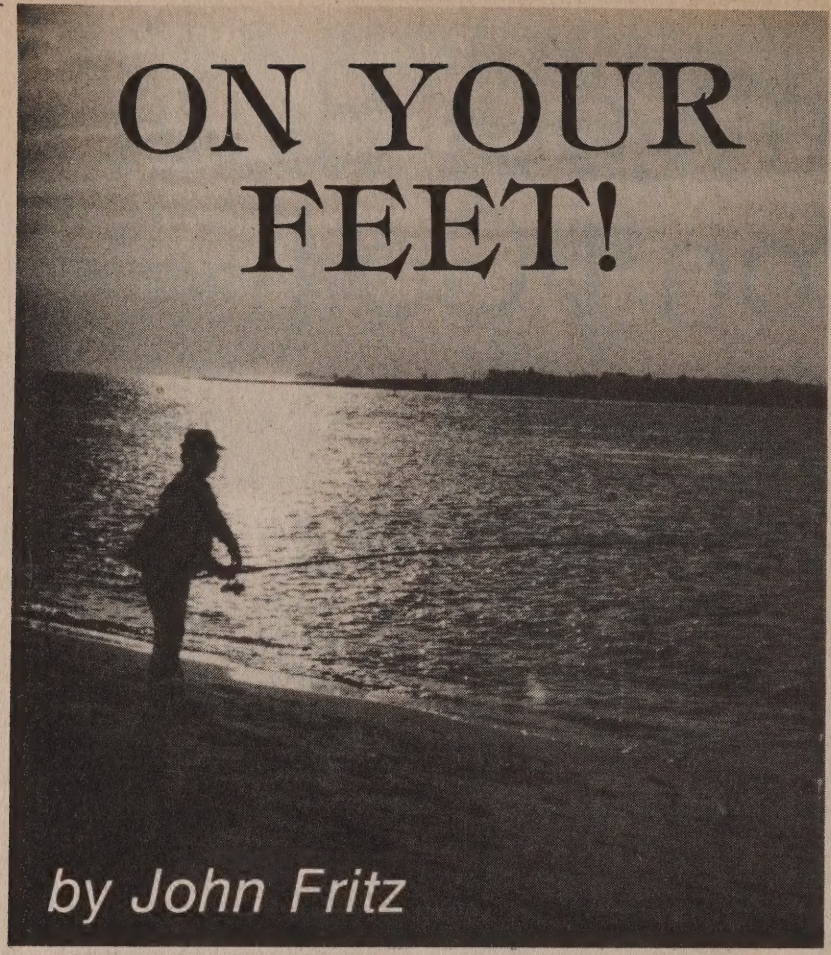

by John Fritz

When fishing from the sandy shores, during the height of the summer season, anglers have little concern for what is protecting their feet. Waders, hip boots, short boots, sneakers or bare feet are all in style, getting wet is given little consideration. In fact, if the weather is hot the cool water is appreciated. When the temperatures drop and it is no longer desirable to have the waves rush up one's legs, only a pair of waders will keep the angler dry. The major concern of surf fishermen working the sand beaches is simply a matter of staying dry, but once he starts to balance himself on slippery rocks staying dry becomes secondary. The manner in which this balancing act is accomplished varies greatly with the types of rocks encountered and the attire worn by the angler.

Every serious surfcaster possesses at least one pair of leakproof waders. Some have two or three, for use at different times of the season and for fishing the various types of terrain which comprises the Long Island coast. Many discriminating surfmen feel that Gra-Lite waders are the best for general use. These waders are cut high so that the top reaches almost under the armpits, a welcome feature when tiptoeing across a sluiceway. They are roomy and lightweight, a bonus on sultry summer nights, plus there is never a problem with the permanently attached suspenders and rust proof fasteners.

When temperatures approach the freezing mark, these plastic waders become susceptible to fine cracks and since the boot is not insulated, cold feet can develop. A fine wader for the late season is the La Crosse Outdoorsman, a lined rubber wader with an insulated boot. A decade or so ago, the Red Ball was the favorite of many hard working surf casters. After a period of transition, they have reintroduced a complete line of American made products. The angler has a choice of regular or insulated boots, and of special importance for those fishing rocky areas, the option of a normal rubber cleated sole or a factory installed felt sole.

The last option is an attractive feature when stumbling amongst slimy, grapefruit sized rocks such as those found at North Bar. Before factory installed felt was universally offered to the general public, past surfmen performed the task in their home workshop. Initially, high quality felt was obtained from such places as Continental Felt Company located in New York City. After rasping smooth the soles of the waders, the felt was glued in place with a shoemaker's product called Barge Cement. I have been told that indoor/outdoor carpet, secured in place with contact cement, will serve the purpose at less cost and bother. A few tackle stores, which cater to surf and stream fishermen, offer kits containing the felt and proper glue just for this need.

More secure footing can be achieved if the sole is imbedded with metal studs. While a few old timers performed this feat with self installed steel studs there are a few quality items on the market today which eliminates this chore. Korker's Sandal is one such item on the shelves of J & J Tackle in Patchogue where it sells for under $40.00. It's basic component is a virtually indestructible, thick rubber sole into which a liberal number of metal studs have been implanted. These sandals are designed to be laced over the boot, a feature affording simple removal when the fish return to the sandy shores.

Another quality item, in a similar vein, is Walt's Walkers, available at Johnny's Tackle in Montauk among other places. This is a standard rubber, of a heavier grade than the average golf rubber, which has a dozen steel studs embedded in the heel and sole. With a specially designed tool, available at shops that service golfers, the protruding half of the stud can be unscrewed and replaced with a new stud if one should be broken.

Many north shore surfmen are content to simply wear a pair of waders in which the upper part became irreparable. Such boots are fine when it is not necessary to wade into the water, in fact many south shore bait fishermen are equally equipped when the ocean is in one of it's more sedate moods. One other segment of the surf fishing clan also favors the short boot over the more cumbersome wader and they are the jetty jockies. They are rarely required to enter the water, instead they must guard against the spray created when the surf crashes upon the rocks at their feet. A classic example is encountered almost every autumn night in front of the Montauk Light. The remainder of a jetty jockey's attire is more likely to be found on a boat fisherman; rubber pants and top. This outfit serves it's purpose well, keeping the individual dry, allowing for a greater amount of mobility, and most of all saving an expensive pair of waders from any number of hazards encountered while clambering over treacherous rocks.

This is also a time to squeeze the last bit of use out of an old pair of waders. Small tears, which are a major problem if wading is necessary, are insignificant if spray is the most one must be protected against. In addition, an angler may be hesitant to grind down the soles of a new pair of expensive waders before installing felt.

The final major segment of a surf fisherman's apparel is the wet suit, more in vogue today than it's ever been, particularly at Montauk. Whether it is used to wade out on False Bar, to combat the blinding spray under the Light or to reach a distant rock under the south side

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Stability is again a matter of concern especially when perched on a rock high above the water or worse yet, other rocks. Wet suiters have the greatest freedom when selecting footwear. Booties, sneakers, sandals, shoes or rubbers, have all been adapted for use by the clan dressed in black. Personal preference will be the deciding factor in determining which type is chosen for they are all adequate and each has it's own group of advocates.

Let me mention the obvious, that the effort required to maintain one's balance, while waded chest deep in water, is much less critical than when standing on a rock above the water. An incoming wave, passing by a person in the water, may force that person a step or two backwards with little harm. This same wave, breaking into the legs or gut of an angler positioned above water level will drive him from his station and deposit him on whatever lies to the rear. Needless to say, a secure foothold in the latter instance is of prime concern.

While plain booties, sneakers or felt soled footwear might be adequate for wading, spiked soles will ensure the best purchase on rocks coated with algae or seaweed. Golf shoes, studded sandals or rubbers provide for the most secure footing when wet suiters are positioned in such precarious locations but any of these items is a hindrance when it becomes necessary to swim before gaining a foothold at the desired station.

The hard sole of the golf shoe and sandal act as a barrier between the bottom of the angler's foot and the relatively small surface area of the metal stud. The Walt's Walkers when worn with a scuba divers bootie, even those featuring a modified sole, becomes uncomfortable after a period of time. There are now newer booties, with a more hardened sole which reportedly helps to alleviate this drawback. It should be mentioned that Walt's Walkers should have several turns of vinyl tape wrapped around the arch of the foot while being worn. If this precaution is not undertaken before entering the water, the force of the surf is likely to wrench the rubber off your foot.

Even in the heat of summer, when little more than a bathing suit is needed to keep a person warm, the proper footwear can be important. An inexpensive pair of sneakers can protect an angler's feet from broken glass, crabs, barnacles and a host of other unseen hazards. If the sneakers are fitted with felt soles they will offer the additional advantage of providing more secure footing when fishing rocky areas. Remember, a boat fisherman might manage with a serious injury to his foot but it's mighty hard to navigate the beach supported by a brace of crutches.

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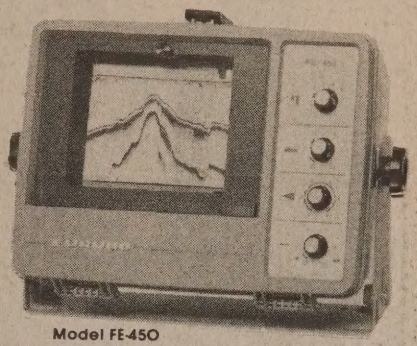

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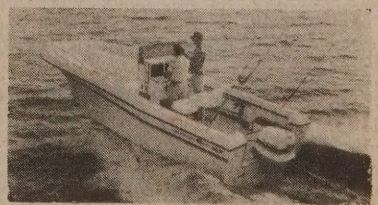

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BASSIN' WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN

by Gary Caputi

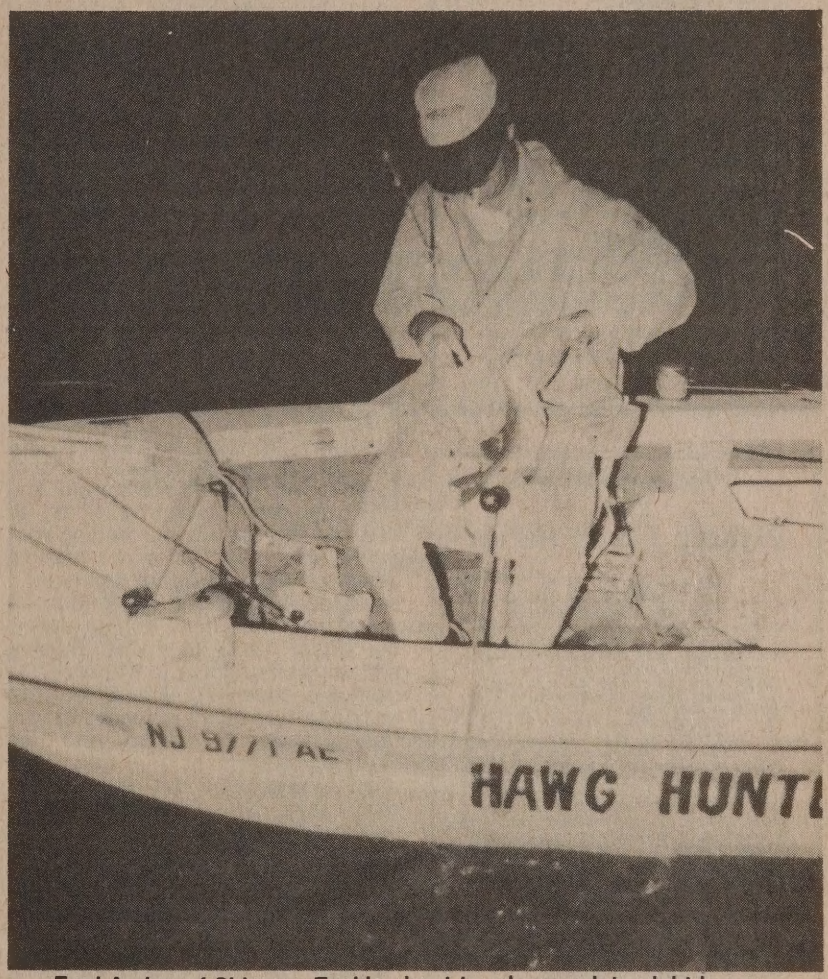
Summertime bassin' can pay big dividends when practiced under the cover of darkness.

Picture a quiet summer night on a small lake in southern New York State. It's 2AM and the moon is just a sliver in the sky affording almost no light at all. You can hear the herring splashing occasionally on the surface and there is an owl in the woods not far from the lake shore. It hoots softly while keeping an eye out for any unwary rodents.

We had been fishing since dark and hadn't had a single hit in over five hours. That is often the case when the moon is nearing the new stage. I had switched from using loud surface plugs to something a little more quiet, in hopes of coaxing a strike out of a bass. The #13 Rapala snaked slowly across the surface toward the boat. I stopped it for a second before lifting it off the water for the next cast when a bass came up and engulfed it right at boatside. The fish hit the plug and turned down, splashing me and my fishing buddy and instantly shaking any drowsiness from our eyes that the earlier slow fishing had created.

The fish was a big one, but I wasn't sure just how big yet. Hooking a big bass on a short line at the side of the boat can create some problems and requires a few changes in fighting strategies. First, I loosened way back on the drag and let the hawg run off so that I could play him with a little more than the few feet of line that separated us when he struck. Once I had some room to work, the battle was completed in a matter of minutes. With so little light and my hesitance to turn on the flashlight and spook any other fish that might be in the area, I was still unsure of just how big the fish was.

When my friend put the net in the water and scooped up the big bass, the fish came in laying across the top of it. The fish was so long and fat that it stretched over the top of the net and didn't fall in. With the fish in the boat, we had a chance to see just how big it really was. "It's a real beauty," said Keith, as he hoisted my fish out of the net. That was an understatement. It was the biggest bass I had ever seen. I estimated it to be in the high 7 pound range, but a later weigh-in at a local tackle shop proved that the fish was 8 lbs. 13 oz.



Fred Archer of Shimano Tackle about to release a late night bass.

Prior to that fish, I had liked night bass fishing, but now I was a true fanatic. Bass fishing at night is one of the most enjoyable types of freshwater fishing I have been able to find. The peacefulness of a warm summer night on the water is hard to match. Night bass fishing is best in the summer months, when the daylight fishing is at its toughest. That is also the time of the year when water skiers and speed boat crazies are all over the larger lakes, making day fishing somewhat less than a pleasure. At night, there is no one to share the lake with, with the exception of wildlife that has been scared into hiding all day long and, occasionally, another fisherman. It can also provide some of the best bass fishing of the year, with a good chance of catching a lot of fish, and big ones at that! Bass seem less wary at night and if you are careful in your approach, you can catch big bass in places that you would not expect to find them during the summer, especially in daylight hours.

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There are a few things to keep in mind when night fishing for bass that can help up the score in your favor. Some are simple and others just common sense. Let's go over a few here and maybe we can convert you into a nocturnal angler, too.

One of the most important factors in night fishing for bass is the moon. The phases of the moon will affect the night feeding habits of many species of fish. I suggest keeping a log of your night fishing trips to see under what moon phases and weather conditions you have found the fish to be most active. Through quite a few years of night fishing, I have established some rules of thumb for myself that sometimes govern whether I will go fishing that night or not. I have found that 90 percent of the time, night fishing under the darkness of the new moon phase is a waste of time. You will note that there is still a 10 percent margin of error, because I have taken some bass during this phase. It's just rare. I have also found that fishing during the full moon can leave a lot to be desired. I have had some trips during the full moon when we caught some fish, but most are slow nights.

That means that prime night bass fishing occurs between the new moon and the full moon phases. I have also found that fishing during rainy nights or very windy nights when the water's surface is disturbed can be a slow proposition. The ideal night is warm, relatively calm, and with some moon overhead. Do pay attention to the Solunar Tables. While there is a lot of debate over just how accurate and how well these tables work, try to have yourself on a prime feeding spot during any major or minor feeding periods that occur during the night. I have found myself in the middle of some incredible bass fishing during the exact time of these feeding periods while fishing in the dark. On several occasions, it was almost like someone turned on a faucet as the feeding period approached and then shut it off again as it ended. They don't always work out the way the book says, but sometimes they're right on the money.

When night fishing, you have to be quiet to the point of being sneaky. No extra noise, and no bouncing rods, lures or coffee thermos off the decks. At night, fish are particularly tuned in to noise and vibrations in the water and there is no boat traffic to cover it up. Light also bcomes a concern. If you must use a light to rig your rods, change lures or pour coffee, do not use a bright one and never point it at the water. Using a bright light has two negative effects. First, it spooks the fish in the immediate area and second, it kills your night vision for several minutes after you shut it off. It is good to have several rods already rigged to keep that to a minimum and practice tying your knots in the dark. I have special lights set up in my bass boat for rigging in the dark or hook removal purposes. They have a red dome over them, are located under the console and point down at the deck. To use them, it is necessary to climb down from the pedestal seat and crouch. That keeps the light off the water and the red lens does not affect your night vision once you shut it off. The other alternative is to invest in a Moon Glow Light, which is available at some tackle shops which specialize heavily in bass fishing tackle. This diffused light source can be shined on the water and used in the boat without spooking the fish. At least that is the claim.

Lures for night fishing are not limited to surface plugs by any means. I will admit that probably the most fun way to catch bass is with surface plugs. Drawing that strike on the surface is very exciting, but sometimes the bass just don't want to hit on top. That's when it's time to try something else. While we are mentioning surface plugs, do not hesitate to throw big ones for bass at night. One of the most productive surface plugs I have found is the Jitterbug designed for musky and pike fishing. The musky-size Jitterbug, which weighs in at a hefty 1¼ ounces, is huge by any standard, but when bass are hitting on top, they draw more hits than any of the lure's smaller cousins. I have caught little one pound fish on these big plugs. Even little rock bass will hit them in the dark. Other nighttime surface plugs that are effective are Crazy Crawlers, propeller baits, stick baits, minnow type lures worked slowly or popped, and poppers. Black is the single most productive color for most lures at night, since black is the easiest color for fish to see from below against the night sky. It makes hitting the plug easier for the fish once they locate it by sound vibrations.

When the fish aren't hitting surface lures, that doesn't mean they aren't biting and it's time to go home. It just means it's time to try something in the way of subsurface lures. I love to throw spinnerbaits at night. They have been the most effective nighttime lure in my tackle box for years. They can be fished in a variety of ways to make night fishing more diversified. They keep you from just being a surface lure man and let you have an alternative when the fish won't hit surface lures, which can be most of the time. One very effectiive way to fish the spinnerbait at night is to run it over the top of submerged weed beds or around the edges of weed beds which are natural feeding areas for bass. They can also be fished around stumps, on shallow points that attract fish at night and in many other ways. Buzzing them on the surface can be effective, too.

How about the plastic worm? You might think that anything as quiet and slinky as the worm just couldn't work at night. Wrong! I have taken many nice bass at night on the worm when I couldn't buy a hit on plugs, spinnerbaits or anything else. When using a worm at night, a very light slip sinker

is in order. I like a 1/8 ounce or lighter. The worm is most effective when fished around prominent structure like dock pilings, stumps or rock piles. Places that make good ambush points for the bass to hide and pick off their prey. It will attract hits when dropped right next to a feeding station like that. Most hits will be received while the worm is falling and you will not have the advantage of being able to watch the line for telltale strikes. Concentration and feel will be all you have going for you.

How about lures like crankbaits? For the most part, you can leave them home. I have had some success with larger Big-O type plugs with rattles inside them, but only working them slowly on the surface just as you would a regular surface plug. Keeping them working slowly on the surface so the rattle inside clicks as the lure waddles from side to side has produced fish, but using a crankbait in the way it was intended is not productive in the dark. A crankbait is an impulse lure. It draws fish to strike by passing by quickly and not giving the fish a chance to decide to hit or pass. Most strikes on a crankbait come when the fish attacks it just to see what it is before it has a chance to get away. To work properly, vision is a key ingredient. At night, the key ingredient is missing because the fish can't see the lure racing up to it and passing it by. That is why they are not an effective night fishing lure.

A typical night of bass fishing for me usually starts just before dark. It is always nice to catch that last hour of light before night begins and the sunset in the summer can make you happy to be alive. During the summer months, fish will often feed heavily just before dark. If that evening bite occurs, all the better. If it doesn't, then you can just hang in for an hour or two and the fish will start their nocturnal activities. It is always good to get familiar with a body of water during the day before venturing out on it in the dark. Knowing where the rocks just under the surface are located can save your prop wear and tear and save your evening of fishing. Having a good knowledge of where the better spots are before darkness sets in can make locating them in the dark much simpler.

Some nights, the fishing will be hot from sundown to sunup and other nights the fish will bite in spurts or only in specific spots. Some of the best catches of bass I have ever had were made in the dark. Last year, fishing on Greenwood Lake on the New York/New Jersey border with a fishing buddy, Mark DeAngelis, the night started a little slow, but the fishing began warming up a couple of hours after dark and stayed red hot until an hour before daybreak. We caught more than 30 nice bass that night, with several five pound and better fish. It was Mark's best fishing trip ever and now he's a night fishing fanatic like I have been for years. It can do the same to you, too!

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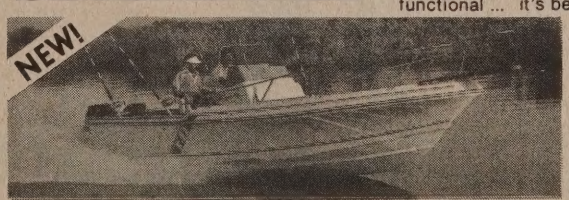

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FIND A BAR FOR SHORE FLUKE

by Gerald Hahn

Sand bars provide shore based anglers a good chance to score with summer flatties.

A fisherman I know, who likes to imbibe now and then, once asked me where he could locate some fluke. I told him to find a bar and he promptly headed for the nearest saloon.

That wasn't precisely the kind of bar I had in mind. I was referring to the kind of bar that is stocked with baitfish, not banana daiquiris. At this kind of bar, fluke put their fins on a counter of sand and order a round of sand eels with a chaser of killies. Actually, they immerse themselves in the sand, covering all but their independently rotating eyes and then they wait patiently on the down-current side of the slope for a meal to be swept by. Baitfish swim with the current and get caught up in the swirls around the sand bar, where fluke snatch them up quicker than my fisherman friend can swallow two fingers of bourbon.

Sand bars located in inlet areas are prime fluke grounds.

Fluke, also known as summer flounder, are among the oddest creatures in the sea. Undoubtedly, they were created by a sea god with a terrible hangover. Actually, the fish begins life as a normally oriented individual, with eyes on opposite sides of the head. But as it matures, it gradually swaggers to the side, while one eye travels around the head to greet the other. The mouth, however, remains more or less in the upright position. In the topsy-turvy world of flatfish, most members of the species are destined to face right. Fluke face left. To make matters worse, some fluke have their top and bottom sides reversed. The blind, or white side, which ordinarily faces the sand bottom, now faces the sky.

Nonetheless, even these fluke know where the next meal is likely to come from. And that, of course, is near a sand bar. Productive sand bars are found along the backsides of most south shore inlets, where the ocean meets a bay. These bars hold concentrations of fluke throughout the summer, but are especially fruitful in mid-June and September when the fish arrive and depart. In the ocean, the lateral drift moves sand in a westerly direction, and any obstruction on the bottom, such as a wreck or reef, or a can of beer, will cause the sand to pile up on the east side of the obstruction. For the same reason, sand builds up along the east jetties of most south shore inlets, both in front and back. At Shinnecock Inlet, for example, sand bars are located at the ocean entrance and in back of the Southampton (east) jetty, the former attracting fishermen intoxicated by stripers, the latter drawing the fluke regulars. Incidentally, bass fishing being what it is today, the fluke enthusiasts are the more likely to wet their whistles. Moriches' east jetty boasts two sand bars as well, at almost the same locations as the ones at

Shinnecock. Yet another east side bar is located at Jones Inlet, near the radio shack, about halfway between the ocean and the bay. This bar is so dry at low tide that anglers can wade out to it and cast to the dropoff nearby In Fire Island Inlet, a productive sand bar is located on the Oak Beach side opposite Robert Moses Parking Field Two.

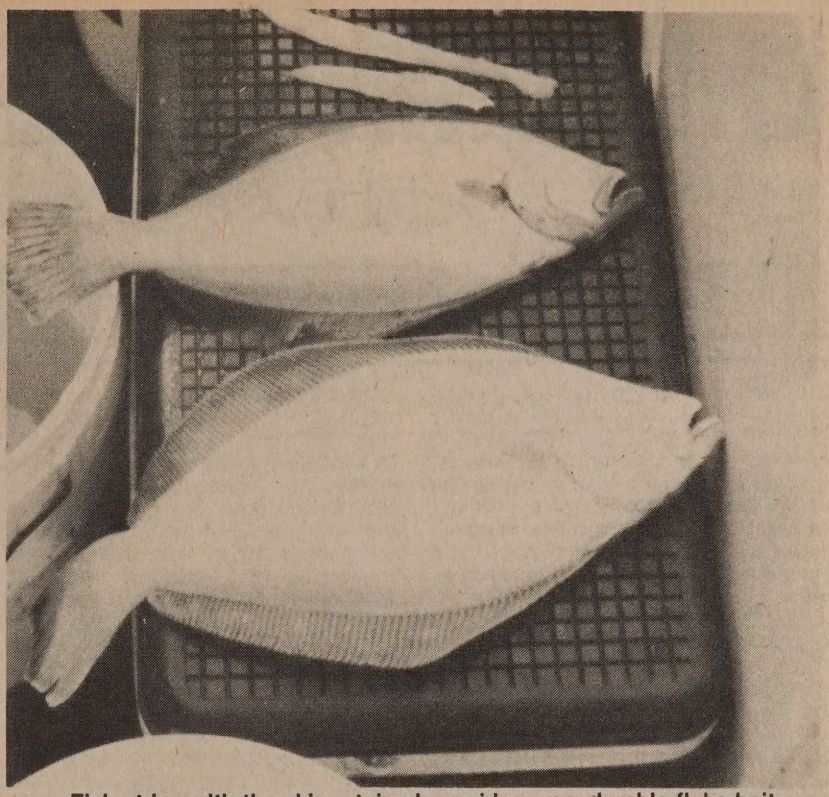
Sand bars within reach of the shorebound angler are also located along the north shore, primarily near the entrances to such inlets as Sunken Meadow, Shoreham and Mattituck, but also along points extending into the Sound, such as Lloyd Point. Some backwater inlets with accompanying sand bars and swift currents are also worth investigating. By example, I have taken fluke off the bar at Acabonac Harbor, an inlet which feeds into Gardiner's Bay.

Most of the fluke that take up residence at the inlet bars are bay fish weighing 1½ lbs., although an occasional doormat is taken as well. For most purposes, a medium action 7 foot spinning rod or 6 foot conventional rod and matching reel spooled with 12 to 15 lb. test will do.

Rigs should be kept as simple as possible. Avoid long shank hooks and chromed flasher blades, fluorescent red beads and other attractors. At the inlets, they attract more seaweed than fluke. Use a 2/0 beak or claw hook. Likewise, the 3 foot snelled leaders so often employed by skiff renters should be reduced to 2 feet at the most. Snell the hook with a 30 lb. test leader and connect it to a dropper loop on the running line about 3 inches above an end loop for a 3 ounce bank sinker. If the spot looks relatively clear of seaweed, you can use an in-line trolling sinker for the rig. One end of the sinker is tied to the running line with an improved clinch knot and the other end is secured to the snelled hook. A variant of this rig involves an egg sinker, which has a hole through the center for threading onto the running line. A barrel swivel is then tied to the end of the running line and to the snelled hook. Fashioned either way, the rig glides nicely over the bar and into the dropoff and it also tangles less in swirling currents.

At various watering holes, bartenders offer a wide selection of refreshments to attract customers. So, too, does the fluke fisherman. He can serve a live killie straight up, or sand eels, spearing or smelt with a squid chaser. Snappers are a favorite bait and no less effective is a strip cut from another fluke, a sea robin, mackerel, or even a sand shark. Finally, a metal lure, such as a 3/4 ounce Hopkins or a 1 ounce Kastmaster sweetened with squid is also effective on bay fluke, although I prefer a 3/8 to 5/8 ounce all white leadhead bucktail or whiptail with a white strip of squid.

Indeed, squid is so effective on fluke, many anglers use it straight. Sharp anglers also save the head—tentacles and all—for a potential doormat. Squid strips should be about 1/2 inch wide at one end and tapered to a fine point 3 inches below at the other end. For greater visibility, the speckled skin is removed. Fish strips, however, should retain the skin for greater strength. Strip baits are impaled once or twice near the wide end, so that they can wriggle over the bar and into the dropoff. Similarly, a squid head is rigged solely through the eyes so that the tentacles will hypnotize fluke into striking.



Fish strips with the skin retained, provide a very durable fluke bait.

Small baitfish, such as sand eels, spearing and smelt are best rigged through the eyes or through the mouth and out the gill cover and then near the tail. A better method, used by boatmen, is to impale the bait only once, right through the cartilage at the gill cover. This makes the dead baitfish look alive. When fishing from shore, however, you will probably lose the bait. Try it when the current slows down. All these baitfish are generally combined wtih a strip of squid.

Hardy killies, however, are fished alive and often without the necessity of squid. They can be kept in a killie box floating in the water and secured to a rock or a piece of driftwood. Hooked lightly through the lips, the killie is free to swim, wriggle about and stir up a fluke commotion, like brawlers in a western saloon. No less effective are lively snappers, which in the summer clog the inlet areas. They are readily taken on small metal spoons and then transferred to the fluke rig. A live snapper should be hooked in the shoulder, just ahead of the dorsal fin.

The weight of any baited rig or lure should be adjusted so that it moves slightly above the bottom. This way it will drift over the bar and down the slope where fluke, facing upcurrent, lurk. Let the current swing the offering into the hole, and then follow through with a moderate retrieve. I have also found that, especially with bait, the less I do the better. I often spike the rod after the bait settles into a hole, for the rippling current imparts sufficient movement to attract fluke.

Bay fluke are not the strongest fighters. Their hits are light and when hooked they glide over the shallows with little resistance. In fact, the name **fluke** orginated as 19th century slang for a fish that was easily fooled. It also referred to the angler's stroke of luck, as in "winning by a fluke." Today, the latter explanation seems more appropriate, for fluke are not taken in great numbers by shore fishermen and the fish often seem to dupe the angler. They hang onto the tip of the bait for a free ride and at the last moment they let go. These fish are best tended to by lowering the rod tip and releasing some line at the first sign of a nibble. When the fluke takes the bait in earnest, the angler sets the hook with a short lift of the rod.

Fluke are most active around tidal changes and are taken almost any time in the day. Sometimes at night, too, I once discovered. Remember, too, that there is a 14 inch minimum size limit for keeper fluke. This season, try a bar for fluke and reward yourself at a different kind of watering hole.

CHUMMING THE BONIES

by Russ Wilson

Here is light tackle fishing at its finest within easy reach of New Jersey and Long Island inlets.

The arrival of vast schools of Atlantic bonito along the North Atlantic usually takes place sometime during early July and for a few weeks, trollers enjoy some fast action as the little speed merchants attack a variety of lures including feathers, spoons, tubes and plugs. For the troller it is a bonus bonanza even though it is of short duration.

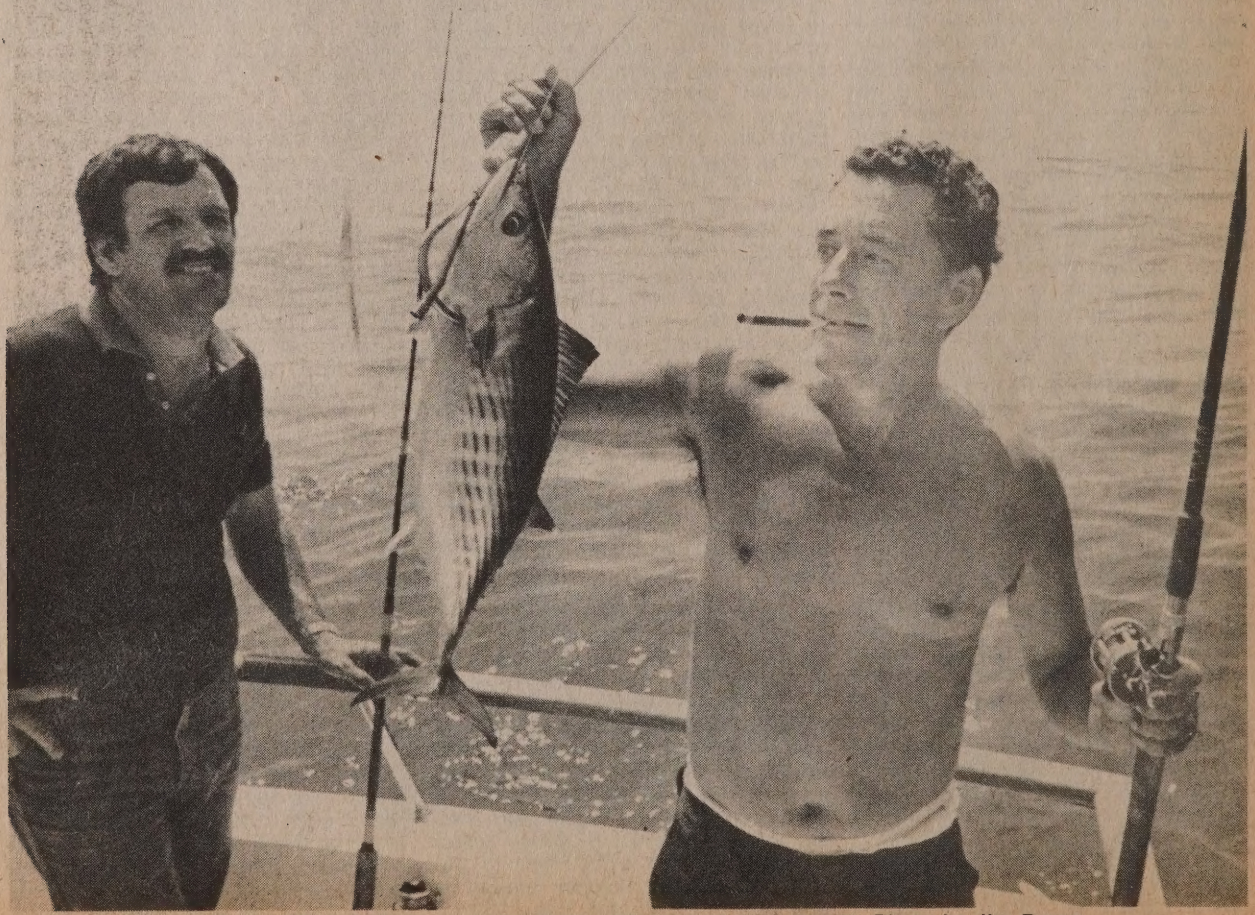
Once the fish settle onto the inshore lumps and ridges chummers get into the act and some of the finest light tackle fishing the coast has to offer begins to unfold. As a rule, the bonito will start to show interest in chum slicks sometime after mid-July. The early fishing will be sporadic with some areas producing consistently and others yielding bonito only occasionally.

We normally break out the plug casting outfits and lightweight spinning gear shortly after mid-month. This date is flexible and will vary from season to season depending on weather patterns, prevailing currents and availability of fish. There have been years when we did not find bonito ready to invade the chum slick until mid-August and some years the fishing heats up earlier in the more southerly zones.

This year may well be one of those when the fishing breaks early. Bonito were moving into coastal waters during late June, which is at least two weeks ahead of their normal arrival date, and this could carry over to the chumming season. Check the Fishing Reports section of The Fisherman or follow the local newspaper's outdoor column for up-to-the-minute info. These fish might just settle onto the ridges a week or two sooner than usual, so it does pay to keep tabs on what is happening from day to day.

Last season, for instance, our log book shows July 23 as the first day when we found bonito and false albacore in substantial numbers at one of our favorite inshore lumps. From that time through late September we enjoyed continuous sport with both species when fishing the middle range lumps and ridges.

Light tackle enthusiasts will certainly appreciate a day of bonito chumming. These rather small fish can put up a fight that belies their size. A four pounder can make the line sizzle as it zips through the water and a bonito weighing 8 pounds or



Bruce Winterbottom of Lower Bank with a chum slick bonito. Photo by Jim Reme.

larger will cause aching arms before it is led to the net or gaff.

We generally go with the lightest tackle we can use while still maintaining control over the fish. When the bonies are running big, we'll rig with 10 or 12 lb. test mono on our casting or spinning rods and when the average is only 2 to 4 pounds we tend to go with six or eight pound test and rods that match up with the lighter lines.

A favorite bonito outfit, and one that has endured hundreds of hard fought battles, is the Berkley Lightning casting rod in 5½ ft. With this graphite rod we generally use a small casting reel such as the Shimano 1000 Bantam or the Penn 920. Any similar type reel should be adaptable to bonito chumming since all that it must do is present a drifted bait in the chum slick, and have a decent drag.

Our spinning outfit is also graphite and measures six feet from tip to butt. Light lines require smaller reels and we tend to go with styles that will hold a couple hundred yards of six or eight pound test mono. The Daiwa 1600, Shimano Custom 2000 or MLX 200, Penn 450 or 430 SS, or the Penn 103 Skirted Spool are typical of those that can be used when presenting a bait in the chum slick.

Incidentally, this is but a sample of the tackle that is available and can be used for chumming bonito. If you have a specific company whose products you prefer, by all means check the catalogs for specs on current production models. I am positive you'll find other makes that are equally effective.

It does pay to go with a premium line. Name brands may cost a little more but in the long run you will get what you pay for in additional performance. Bonito are blessed with keen eyesight and for that reason alone, most experienced bonito fishermen use a line in the clear finish. There are days when line color may not be too important but far more often the person who is rigged with a clear monofilament line will outscore others who are using the more visible fluorescents or brightly colored lines.

Hook size and model is important also. We do find the bronzed finished hooks are less visible than those with silver or gold finish. Short shank tuna style hooks usually get the nod from most charter skippers who practice chumming for bones and we must agree they are the logical hook for bonito or false albes. The short shank allows less bulk and can be buried inside the baits where it can't be seen by the keen eyed bonito.

We've used the Mustad #94150 model for a number of years and find it the best possible choice when seeking bonito, false albes or school size bluefin tuna (footballs). The smaller sizes, 4, 2, or 1, are ideal for bonito, while the 1/0 or 2/0 is practical when false albes or small tuna are the predominant species.

Hooks should be tied direct to the line. This allows a more natural presentation of the baits while still keeping the hook hidden in the baits. The standard clinch, improved clinch, Trilene knot, or Palomar knot gives a high break strength knot that is not so bulky it can be seen by fish as they inspect the baits.

Experienced bonito fishermen carry an assortment of baits when seeking the high speed gamesters. In recent years the sand launce, or more commonly called sand eel, has undergone a population explosion throughout the North Atlantic and as a result, all predatory game fish gorge themselves on the slender baitfish. It is a choice offering for bonito as well as false albacore, small bluefin tuna, bluefish and the occasional dolphin that may venture into middle range waters.

Spearing, smelt and slices of butterfish are other popular favorites among bonito fishermen. We've used live killies and find they, too, are quickly taken by the keen-eyed bonito. Anchovies, small bunker, tinker mackerel and young of the year bluefish also form a percentage of the diet of Atlantic bonito.

Most bonito fishermen follow the light tackle principle and many of the more successful fishermen find it pays to camouflage the hook as much as possible. When hooking smelt, spearing or sand eels the hook should penetrate the lower throat area (where gills connect) and pass through the head so the barb extends

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out through the bony portion of the head. Hooked in this manner, sand eels, smelt or spearing will drift naturally without spinning.

Sliced baits such as bunker, butterfish, big mackerel or herring should be hooked so the bait drifts lengthwise as it is slack lined back in the chum slick. We try to bury the hook in the bait so only the barb itself is visible and find that when using this technique we get a higher percentage of solid hook-ups per strike.

Bonito are blessed with a set of sharp dentures. Their teeth are not as pronounced as those of a bluefish, but they are very sharp and can sever monofilament line quite easily. You can anticipate some bite-offs, but that is part of the game when not using leaders.

Bonito do everything at flank speed. They flash into the chum slick, spot a bait drifting along naturally and grab it without too much hesitation. Just as quickly as they pick up the bait they are off and gone to look for another morsel, and if you don't set the hook fast you are likely to be standing there with an empty hook. Fortunately, they do travel in small wolf packs and when one fish moves into feed, he (or she) will be followed by others. If one passes up a bait usually the next fish to see it will jump on and smoke line as he tries to shake the hook.

Some bonito fishermen feel it pays to keep one hooked fish in the water all the time. Their belief, and we don't argue the fact, is that the hooked fish will keep others in the vicinity and as those fish feed they will eventually pick up a bait that has a hook hidden in its head. Theoretically, this is true. It works the same when fishing for dolphin and we've seen it work when chumming for blues or weakfish. That's why charter parties of four to six anglers will often enjoy multiple hook-ups when chumming for bonies. As the hooked fish fight their struggles attract free swimming fish that are looking for an easy meal.

We prefer the conventional type casting reels since they allow us to fish with the reel in free spool. As the bait drifts back in the slick we continuously play out line to allow the bait to drift in a natural fashion. When a bonito does hit, we simply turn the reel handle to put the reel into gear and lift the rod to sink the hook. Spinning tackle does not offer this control, but it can be used if the bail is left in the open position and line is played out by hand to give the bait a natural drift. When a fish grabs the bait you must flip the handle to shut the bail and then lift the rod to drive the hook into the fish.

In spite of their rather small size, bonito rate high as hard fighting game fish. The runs and powerful fight of these miniature tunas are what makes fishing for them so enjoyable. Even a two pound fish will slug it out for several minutes before allowing itself to be gaffed or netted

and a 6 or 8 pound bonito is going to put your tackle to the test for quite awhile before coming within range of your boat.

There is a knack to chumming. You don't want to give the fish a lot of chum or they will gorge themselves on it and not bother to take the baits. By the same token, you don't want to be too stingy with the chum slick or you will not draw any fish to your baits. What is needed is a happy medium which gives off enough oily slick and bits of ground up menhaden to attract the bonito but not enough so they can find pieces large enough to eat.

The automatic chumming system that works so well when seeking sharks or blues can be effective when the bonito or false albacore are aggressive but when they are displaying their finicky nature it pays to revert to the old-fashioned method of mixing sea water and chum to form a soupy mix that can be ladled into the ocean at regular intervals to form the continuous slick that these fish seem to prefer.

We use a five gallon bucket and fill it halfway with water and add enough chum to fill the remaining space. As the water and chum mix the soup is tossed in a half circle with a small scoop (tops of aerosol cans, spray paint cans or the tin cans that are used by food companies to pack tuna or vegetables nailed to a short piece of firing strip or similar wood, make excellent chum dippers and cost only pennies) which, as it spreads, makes an oily slick on the surface.

Successful bonito fishermen know it pays to fish the structure areas. Any inshore lump, ridge or break in the bottom contour is sure to harbor bonito during July, August and September. By fishing these areas you can be assured of finding bonito, false albacore, and occasionally, small bluefin tuna.

Anchoring is a must. We carry 400 feet of half inch anchor line, but seldom if ever need more than 250 to keep us positioned over a patch of bottom. How you anchor the boat can be critical and that is where many newcomers to chumming usually go astray. It is the lumps and ridges that harbor these pint size battlers and to chum them effectively you must position the boat so the chum slick drops off the edge of the lump. To do this correctly the boat must be anchored above the lump and as the chum spreads and sinks it will bring fish up from the bottom structure. If you have the boat on anchor directly above the lump your chum slick will not sink down to the fish until it is well past their line of sight or smell and you will not bring many fish to the baits no matter how far back you allow them to drift.

We generally throw a marker buoy once we've found a likely looking patch of structure. Once the marker is in place, we run above it a couple hundred feet and drop the hook. As the boat lays back on the anchor it should come to rest a short distance above our pre-determined spot and when the chum starts to flow it is not missing the fish. If you are reading fish over the lump and are not getting hits or seeing fish flash through the slick after chumming for 15 minutes or so you can bet the boat is not positioned correctly and a move is in order.

Bonito are excellent eating fish when handled properly. They must be iced down immediately after being caught and it is wise to break out the fillet knives as soon as you return to the dock or launch ramp. As each fish is filleted, the fillets should be placed in plastic bags and returned to the ice filled cooler. The flesh of bonito is extremely soft and if you don't keep it on ice it will become mushy and is not as tasty.

Like all members of the tuna family, bonito do have a dark strip of very strong tasting meat running from gill plate to tail. We remove this strip as each fish is filleted. This gives two slender fillets of light meat which can be baked, broiled, pan fried or steamed and made into a fish salad. If you have not tried fresh caught bonito you are missing one of the best tasting fish that inhabit North Atlantic waters. But, remember to remove that dark strip or you may find your bonito fillets taste more like trash than a seafood treat.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Inshore, fluking picked up tremendously at Montauk over the weekend, with fish to 8 lbs. weighed in. Persistent brown algae is inhibiting fluke catches in the bays—best to fish incoming tide near inlets. Porgies are generally slow to fair, not up to last year's catches. Weakfish are running hot and cold; bonito have shown up at the Point; bluefish, some to 18 lbs. up to 25 miles offshore. Loads of school tuna off Montauk and Shinnecock, both bluefins and yellowfins have been seen—a few caught. Giant tuna action continues very good. Coxes Ledge cod is very good.

MONTAUK

Saturday's trip to Cox's Ledge with Capt. Bill Ricca on the **Alyssa Ann** was very productive. A total of 60 cod from 5-17 pounds were caught by Ron Contino Jr. and Sr., Joe Radoslovich, Bob Bernitt, and myself. All were caught on drifted clam bait. Several small cod were eaten by blues on the way up, while a shark grabbed one small cod. Capt. Ricca feels that the Ledge should produce super codfish from now through August. It's a pleasure fishing for cod without freezing! On Sunday, Pete and Rudy from Capitol Fishing Tackle caught 27 fluke at Shagwong and north Rips, with four of the fluke weighing nearly 5 pounds apiece.

Capt. John DeMaio's words in describing the weakfish scene: "It's agony and ecstacy!" Ecstacy with a catch of 60 on Monday morning, agony when the same place, same tide, next day is void of fish, totally unpredictable. Weakfish are likely to show up at the Point or at Block Island but cannot be relied on to be at either place. However, a catch of 50 keeper fluke was made on the **Vivienne** at the Point over the weekend.

Helen Salters gets a hand from mate John Sinski hoisting her 50 lb. cod. On the right, Elizabeth Schnitter has her husband help her display the 54 lb. cod she decked on the same trip aboard the "Viking Star." Scene of the action was Coxes Ledge.

Stony Brook resident Anthony Taverna and friends launched from **Gone Fishing Marina** early last week, catching a couple of dozen fluke at Shagwong and some green bonita at the Point.

A codfish trip to Cox's Ledge on the **Lori-Jay** with Capt. Jay Rigano and Emil Neaff and his friends from General Foods, found 64 good size codfish on Friday. Saturday's charter with Jan Druko and his friends was a mixed bag of bluefish, mackerel, and bonito, with codfish offshore.

A shark trip on the **Reel Magic** with Danny and his friends Carolyn and Kevin from Pennslyvania, came across blue sharks 25 miles from Montuak, which were tagged and released. However, Carolyn, who had never experienced offshore fishing before, was much more excited about her 15 pound bluefish.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti reported a heavy score on porgies to 3¼ pounds, with blackfish to 5¼ pounds caught on the **Julie III** Saturday morning with Don Southwick of Babylon. Thirty Five fluke to 5 pounds 2 ounces were taken in the afternoon. Fluking was done at the North Rips. On Sunday, fishing both the Point and the South Side, Nick Donatau put a load of porgies, 20 sea bass and an assortment of fluke, flounder, and small pollock into the fishbox.

Bob Zunno and I joined Capt. Jerry McGrath on the **Nostalgia II** where on Tuesday evening we boated a dozen weakfish, top weight about 10 pounds all jigged at the Point along with a few bluefish. Next day we discovered the weakfish had lockjaw, so we joined the fluke fleet in the North Rips. Saturday's charter with the Parker's on the **Nostalgia II** returned with about 20 fluke to 4½ pounds.

Capt. Gregg Beacher called to say that since the tuna came into the Montauk area, he has brought 25 giant tuna back to the dock. Last Tuesday, Joe Lovuti of Rosedale, N.Y. was the angler on a 490 giant which was his second of the season. On Friday, Walter Lindstrand of Old Westfield, N.Y. became the 37th person to catch his first giant tuna on the **Dawn**. The fish weighed 580 pounds. Capt. Beacher further stated that tuna action is generally very good, with all boats anchored and chunking now, with plenty of action for everyone. The new **Dawn** is expected at the dock on or about August 1st. Capt. Beacher stated that action is so good, that one day his mate and co-captain, Beth, fought 6 fish, before bringing one to gaff. Many other boats report multiple hook-ups as well.

Eric and Jeff frame the 189 lb. thresher shark they caught at Montauk during a recent charter aboard the "Adios."

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that Mike Holmes of Brooklyn fought a 562 pound giant tuna for 15 minutes before it was gaffed. The next day, Thursday, John Bciziaski's tuna Weighed 250 pounds. Friday's charter opted for bluefish, doing very well using bait at Cartwright. It appeared that the tuna had a strong case of lockjaw on Saturday. However, on Sunday, the Nills Brothers, Randy, Tom, and Tony, each had a chance to fight a fish. The first fish broke a line. The second pulled the hook. The third, with Tony on the rod, was successfully boated and weighed 550 pounds!

The private boat "Magician" caught three giants since Sunday July 14th, all in the 500 pound range.

Captain Joe McBride had better shark action on the **My-Mate** this week, probably since the bluefish have moved closer inshore. Friday's charter with Robin Black and his friends found blue shark to 150 pounds, while on Saturday Mark Beiter and friends caught blue shark and then opted for a few bluefish on the way home. Sunday's trip with Tom Grasso of Centereach trolled yellowfin tuna. Captain McBride commented on the great numbers of school tuna, acres of small schools at the Butterfish Hole, both on the east and west sides feeding on bait and breaking water. Unfortunately, they weren't interested in lures at the time. The early arrival of these fish, estimated to be from 30 to over 100 pounds, has prompted speculation that this season could go in the record books as one of the best ever!

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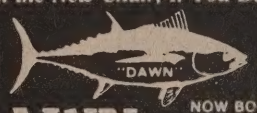

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southeast of the Point, 35 miles offshore. Some yellowfin were hooked, as well as monster bluefish, which hit trolling lures. The blues weighed up to 18 pounds at the dock.

Captain Jack Passie found sharking slow early in the week, therefore switching to bluefish on the charter boat **Windy**. Thursday's charter with Fred Pentin successfully boated a giant tuna of 480 pounds. Saturday's tuna action was best in the afternoon,, when Fred Blake and his friends boated five yellowfins in the 35-40 pound range, fishing 30 miles south of the Point. On Sunday, Mr. Miyamotto and his friends from the Bank of Japan tried everything and boated two yellowfins. Unfortunately the "bite" was very late in the day and the group had to get home early. Captain Passie stated that there is an incredible amount of tuna around, some seen as close to the Point as 12-15 miles. Unfortunately, the fish are unusually finicky and difficult to catch, unless you chance upon the lure they favor for the moment.

A trip to Cox's Ledge on Friday on **Edelman's** "Bullet" with Lou Rosado, his son Luigi, Bob Ishkanian, Nick Matzkiw, and his friend Andy, "Doc" Mike Fayer and Nick Schultz found 42 codfish, top weight 30 pounds. Many of our cod, especially the smaller ones, were attacked by bluefish on the way up. On the way home, we joined the giant tuna "fleet" for a couple of hours, but had no hook-ups. On Saturday, because of bad sea conditions the "Bullet" fished locally for fluke with Howard Kalka and his wife, Susan, Dr. Mel, Nicky Matzkiw, and "Codfish" Kathy. Lou Rosado first fished the North Rips, where many small fish were caught, then decided to try Midway, locating a spot that held many big fish, some to 8½ pounds. Total catch was 30 fluke, 15 over 5 pounds. Best tide was the end of the flood, with the ebb tide completely shutting off the fish.

Charlie is weighing 4 to 6 giant tuna per day at **Star Island Yacht Club,** with the average weight of the fish in the high 400 to nearly 600 pound range. Capt. Miller on the boat "Shakari" weighed in two tuna in two days of fishing. Capt. Steve Sikora caught a 507 pound tuna on Sunday. Lightning struck twice on the "Tropic Lightning" when Capt. Wayne caught tuna on Saturday and again on Sunday. Several yellowfin were brought in over the weekend. Longfin's are scarce for the moment. Bigeye tuna as well as yellowfins were brought in from the Canyon over the weekend. Inshore, a few weakfish were trolled at the point over the weekend. Fluking picked up, with some to 8½ pounds weighed over the weekend. Sam Wiener had a good fluke catch on his boat "Good Times" fishing the Shagwong rips. Blues are solid at Cartwright, and of good size, ten year old Tammy Gutterman proved it by catching a 16 pound bluefish.

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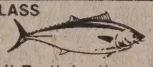

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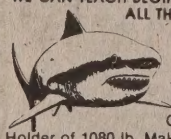

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with Capt. Bob Storc, had a good catch of porgies on Wednesday, some to 2½ pounds, with Maurice Curtis and his friends. On Saturday, Capt. Storc had good action at the Butterfish Hole on brown sharks and a 10 foot blue shark with Phil Bestafka. Sunday's charter with Chris and John Melenchek had a good catch of mackerel at Block Island, weakfishing slowed over the weekend. On Saturday, Henry Quintin and his son Hank, fished on the charter boat **Rainbow II** with Capt. Bob Rochetta, chunking for their first giant tuna which weighed 536 pounds.

Maureen states that fluking has picked up at the North Rips and also the Bell Buoy just outside the inlet. Many fluke, some 7 and 8 pounds were weighed over the weekend. Sea bass and porgies have been found in the Ditch Plains area. Offshore, Ron King of Huntington caught a 165 pound mako (after changing the name of his boat to "Ron's Rig." Yellowfin tuna were caught by Dr. Mel and also by Ron King during the week.

Joanne at **Capt. Cove Marina** said that several giant tuna were brought into the marina during the week. Capt. John Lemmons fish weighed 618 pounds, caught on the "Nora John", a 543 pound tuna was boated on the "Capt. Ron" and a 586 pound fish on the "Jo-Lynn" with Ed Schroeder. Weakfish are hot and cold off the point. Porgies are fair, lots of bluefish around, fluking is getting real hot.

Henry Uihlein reports that he has a good supply of tinker mackerel to use as fluke bait. Stop in at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** for a supply. Tinker mackerel rate with live snappers as prime bait for fluke, tempting them when nothing else will.

Capt. Richie Rade stopped in at the **Fisherman's** office to report on the fantastic fluke fishing on the **Marlin IV** for the past two weeks. Fishing local Montauk waters, average catch is reported to be 15 to 20 fish per angler. On July 15th, Steve Bowman of Montauk took the pool with a fluke of 8 pounds, on the same trip Frank Vilotti had 16 fluke. This past Friday, Bert Fayzone was high hook with 27 fluke. Herb Cutler of Amagansett caught a bluefish along with 23 fluke. Best baits on the **Marlin IV** include squid strips with spearing, although sharpies are also using sundial, sea robin and fluke belly strips as well. The **Marlin IV** night bluefishing trips are generally good with 15 to 25 blues per man. Pool bluefish is in the 15 to 17 pound range every night. Most fishing is done at Block Island, on bait.

Pat, speaking for the **Little Bear** reported pretty good fishing with loads of porgies after the new moon last week. The usual weekend slow down occured, since boat traffic scatters the porgies.

Codfishing continues its tremendous pace at Cox's Ledge. The pool fish is generally in the 30 pound range, with most anglers catching up to two dozen cod. John Robissa, a regular on the boat, has placed in part of the pool in seven trips in a row, and was high hook five out of seven times. John attributes his success to his super special "goo goo eye" lure, which I have personally seen work as a killer on fluke.

Capt. Forsberg reports fluking still good, fishing local Montauk waters on half day trips. However, since the fluke apparently declined at Block Island, the **Starship** will now sail for daytime bluefish on its Block Island runs (see ad for schedule). Night bluefish south of Block continues its fabulous pace, with all the fish you care to carry on each trip.

My fishing buddy, 11 year old Artie Felice, of the Patchogue Fishing Club reported that he once again "almost won" the second place pool for fluke on a recent trip on the **Starlight.** He did, however, weigh in fluke of four pounds for club points, and will soon take a cod trip to Cox's Ledge since he was very impressed with the hangers on the cod boat.

The charter boat M&M's trolled lures at the 35 fathom line out of Shinnecock on Sunday (July 14) for a catch of a dozen yellowfin tuna in the 40 to 50 pound range. Mr. Frank and his friends also hooked up and fought

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a white marlin, which was unfortunately lost before boating. On Friday (July 19), best tuna fishing was at 41 fathoms, southeast of the inlet where 5 yellowfin from 30 to 40 pounds were trolled. Saturday's half day fluke charters fished the East Cut in Shinnecock Bay, where fluke were picky. Nevertheless, 10 were put into the fish box. Marvin and Marilyn have a few weekend dates available for charter. Call for information.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach says that porgy fishing on the **Wilhelric II** continues red hot north of Plum Island. Anglers fishing with light line (not more than 20 pound test) and bringing worms are leaving the boat with full buckets of scup. Fluking is fair at Gardiner's Island with flood tide the best. Pool fish on all trips last week has been in the 6 pound range.

If there were a prize for "catch of the week" at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor, it would go to Willie Baker of Brooklyn who was fishing on Saturday in a rental skiff with a friend. While porgy fishing at Cedar Point, Willie pulled in a 10 pound weakfish, which hit a clam bait on a #6 porgy hook. Plenty of snappers from Long Wharf Pier, with a smattering of flounders and porgies from local docks as well. Some reports have come in of fluke at the Ruins and also in the channel at Napeague.

At **Sherry and Joe Coor's Best Boatworks** in Southampton, fishing was slow, attributed to the algae stained water. Best bet is to try for flounder in the Basket area. Schools of very small snappers have been active around the dock.

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton reports slower fishing this past week. Fluke action at Promised Land has slowed considerably with catches down to perhaps half dozen per boat per trip. Speculation is that the constant working of draggers, many from out of state, working among the recreational fishing fleet, is having its effect upon the fluke population. Decent catches of porgies, up to 40 per man, were made recently at Gardiner's Island. Brown algae is still having its effect on Peconic and Gardiner's Bays with very little fishing reports coming in from those areas. Some small snappers have come into Cold Spring Pond. Offshore, in the fingers, reports of yellowfin and longfin albacore tuna were substantiated by visiting marinas in the Shinnecock area. Shinnecock bluefishing was quiet during the past week, although sea bass and blackfish were found by jetty jockies. Best bet for Shinnecock fluke is the inlet area on incoming tide, when the water is apt to be clear.

Capt. Ben Cammarata called in to report on the Tenth Annual Larry Fitzpatrick Memorial Shark Tournament (Teetotlers Tournament) held on July 17 and 18, which was organized by the Cat Ballou Restaurant. A total of 74 boats fished, finding sharking poor the first day, better the second. First place and $2,000 was won by a group from Magic's Pub, an all woman crew with Missy Fjellman on the rod. The 205 pound mako was located by Capt. Paul Scapinich on the boat "Grey Warrior." A mako of 184 pounds took second place, and $1,000 for a group from the Deck Restaurant with Richie Sutton on the rod on Capt. Ben Cammarata's charter boat **Big Ben.** Third place, a rod and reel was caught on the "Leprechaun" by Jimbo with Capt. Don Scanlon. Earlier in the week, mako sharks of 225 & 195 pounds were put aboard the **Big Ben.**

Capt. Don Van DeWater found sharking slow last week. However, lots of tuna in the area picked up everyone's spirits. On Sunday, a group from the NYPD, with Larry DeSandis boated a yellowfin tuna in the 40 pound range on the **Dutch Treat.** Capt. Van DeWater reported lots of tuna seen from 180 feet to the 500 line out of Shinnecock Inlet, with sporadic catches. Schools of football size bluefin tuna came in over the past weekend. Marlin have been sighted as close in as 150 feet of

Seven-year-old Diane Schiele gets a hand from a Captree mate in displaying her pool winning fluke.

water.

Larry Mangarillo at **Corr's Mariner's Cove** reports slow fluke fishing probably due to the algae stained water. Eric Erca switched to flounder on Saturday, trying the area at buoy 19 and successfully catching 51 flatties. Teh fish were all large, from 1¾ to 2 pounds. Best bet for fluke is incoming tide near the inlet, when the water is cleaner. Larry stated that rental boats are coming in with anywhere from 4 to 30 fluke, with success dependent upon finding water free of algae. Most fluke are in the 14 to 18 inch range.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke grabbed the headlines in both bays and inlets this past week. Moriches continued to produce consistently good fluke catches with some exceptional scores made by several of the area's sharpies. In Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet, fluke fishing continued their dramatic rebound from the poor fishing which has marked much of the summer thus far. The good fishing, which began last weekend, continued through this week and weekend to the satisfaction of thousands of inshore anglers aboard open, private and charter boats. Bluefish are still a safe bet in 80-90' of water south of Patchogue while tuna action moved closer to both inlets on days when seas were managable.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Frances Ann** managed to get offshore on two occasions this week. On Wednesday, a charter headed by Rod Heim caught and released two hammerhead sharks and an estimated 70 pound white marlin. They also added a pile of bluefish to the fish box. Fishing was done in 120' of water SE of Moriches Inlet. On Saturday, despite very rough seas, a party headed by Mike Hughes landed 3 hammerheads and dropped an estimated 200 pound mako at the boat. They also added a bunch of large bluefish to the day's take. The skipper stayed inside the bay and inlet on Friday when a party headed by Fred Reingold had a fair day with fluke. At the top of the tide and on the ebb, Dawkins put the party on a mixed bag of flounder, blackfish and sea bass.

Over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich reported fluking continued very good through late in the week and the weekend. Just how good was demonstrated by Matt, John and Charlie Viol. The trio put away 50 keepers on Saturday using spearing and squid combos. Most were in the 1½-2 pound range and an equal number of fish were released. Best action according to Gary has been from the Elbow and Buoy 41 on the last half of incoming and the first part of outgoing. Spearing or sandeels and squid combos are accounting for the most fish. Myself and my four year old son Paul sampled the action with Gary and his 5 year old son Chris on Friday morning. Gary and I spent most of the time watching Chris and Paul take 20 fluke, half of which were keepers to 2 pounds, in just a couple of hours time. Fishing was done north of Buoy 41. Plenty of flounder still being taken south of buoy 36 and one boat even managed 2 dozen nice blue claws using bunker in the Cove.

Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport**, reported a catch of 56 flounder from 1-1¾ pounds for Al and Marilyn Lubbers on Thursday. The husband and wife team fished south of buoy 36 on the last of the incoming and first of the outgoing. They used dyed clams and corn and mussel chum. Largest fluke brought into his station on the weekend was a 4½ pounder. The better catches of fluke were coming from the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** open boat **Alma III** reported good fluking Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the new cut and near buoy 36. Individual catches ranged from 10 to 20 per man for some of the better anglers down to 3 to 5 for some of the less skilled sinker bouncers. John Clements managed a 4.6 pounder on the weekend. Aboard the charter boat **Alma**, 25 youngsters from the Patchogue-Medford school district left the boat with 30 keepers on Tuesday. A group from E & F Trucking on Saturday racked up a good score of fluke. Their catch was topped with a 5½ pounder taken by 11 year old Darren Frisina. Lowell Strait followed up Darren with a 4.4 pounder.

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Some pretty good snapper fishing now underway at all the local docks according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Crabbing continues good as well. Paul relayed word of good fluke and flounder fishing concerning Moriches Bay in recent days. Best fluking has been on the flood and first of Ebb. Linda, Tom,

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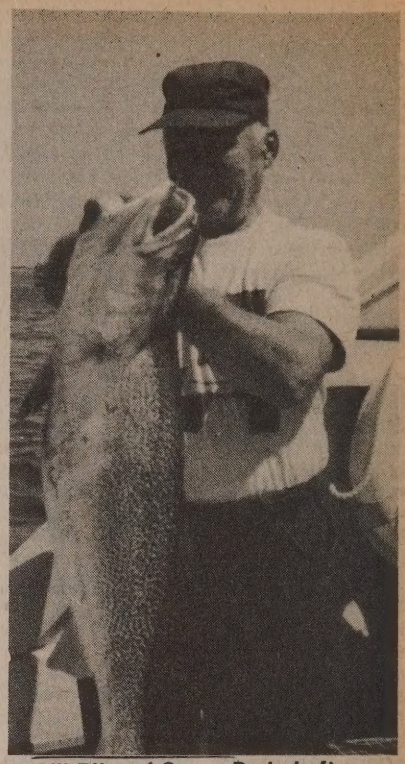

Bill Bliss of Ozone Park, hefts a huge 14½ lb. weakfish taken near the old Fire Island Lighthouse aboard his boat, Best of Luck. Subscriber photo.

Jamie, Matt and Jennifer took 40 flounder at Buoy 42 on worms and clam and corn chum. On the offshore scene, Clem LaFountain and his wife teamed with George Corwin to put away a 125 pound mako and a 150 pound brown south of the Virginia. The trio also added a couple of blues to the box. This took place during the week.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban spoke of very good fluking during the week and on the weekend stretching from Ocean Beach down to the Inlet. Cleaner water seems to be at least a contributing factor along with a healthy population of nice size fluke. Close to ¾ of the fish are keepers. On Wednesday, Dave and Arnold Harrison and Doug Balis put away 20 nice keepers at the inlet. Same day, Frank Davy found a 7½ pound doormat among his fluke catch. On Thursday, Al and Steve took 20 of the summer flatties near Kismet. Al summed it up by saying, 'Plenty of customers reported good fluke catches throughout the week and weekend.' Lots of snappers now settled at the docks and very good crabbing in the Oakdale/Sayville area. A few kingfish off the W. Sayville Dock as well. Al did look over a catch of 4 summer run weaks taken near buoy 30 in the East Bay. This fishing should be getting off the ground any day now.

Over at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Lisa Cioffi filed similar reports of very good fluking on the

weekend. She mentioned one customer that took 16 keepers and another that scored with 17. Killie and squid combos fished in the vicinity of the inlet seemed to be the right ticket. She added that some small flounder continue to be taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket on worms. Small blues continue to come and go at the inlet where 007 jigs take them. Medium and large blues are in the 85-90' depths SE of the Inlet for jiggers and trollers. Snappers and crabs now keeping youngsters and oldsters busy at local docks.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller reported good fluking all week long along South Beach and at the Inlet. One regular customer had 16 keepers on a bucktail/sandeel combo. His best was a 5½ pounder. Catches of 12 to 18 keepers were too numerous to mention. Best action has been on the flood tide and Carl also mentioned that the Bay water has cleaned up significantly. Small blues were at the inlet on 007 jigs Saturday evening and early Sunday AM. Bigger blues south of the Light in 80' of water. On the offshore scene, Saturday was lost to rough seas but there was some tuna action on Sunday with yellowfins again located NE of the Texas Tower. Back to Wednesday, Carl reported some bonito in 100' of water and 30-40 pound bluefin tuna in 120' of water. From the docks, snappers are just about keeper size and around in good numbers and crabbing remains good.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** was overjoyed with the revived fluke action underway in the bay this week. He labelled some days as just great action with a large portion of the fish above the 14" minimum size limit. On Tuesday's trip, 71 year old Ruth Donato put away 17 keepers. Marty Beltrami racked up more than 40 keepers for a total of 3 trips this week.

Captree's open and charter boat skippers were equally enamored with the excellent run of summer flatties.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported good fluking all week long with plenty of fish spread from the inlet to West Island. He named the Lighthouse as being particularly hot especially on incoming water. Thursday saw Warren Moore of Babylon take a 5½ pound fluke. Of the night bluefish action, Charlie labelled Saturday as super on the Patchogue ground with 5 to 12 pound choppers making up the bag. Angleo Bibierro counted 29 blues. Barbara Allen had 24 and Stuart Leeds decked 21.

Aboard the **Captree** charter boat **Cap'n Andy**, Andy Buglione reported a good job on the summer flatties along South Beach with 75 percent of the fish keepers. Saturday was labelled the best fluke day of the season with fish taken in many areas including the Inlet, South Beach, the bridge and West Channel. The current run of fish includes a good mix of 2 to 3 pounders along with a sprinkling of 4 to 5 pounders. Andy too noted that the water in the bay has become considerably clearer. He also added that some mackerel were found under the sandeels in the inlet over the weekend. This underscored a similar report from Al Colban from J & R Sports Center in Oakdale who also reported several mackerel taken inside the inlet.

According to Capt. 'Shorty' of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle**, Phil Dunn put away a 131 pound mako on Wednesday's trip from Stroh's Beer. The party was competing in the Wooden Keg's Annual Shark Derby. Phil's fish was good for second place in the affair. On Sunday, a party headed by Patrick Bourgal returned to the dock all smiles after decking a pair of bigeye tuna weighing 131 and 155 pounds. Both were trolled in the vicinity of the Texas Tower.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** reported a load of fluke in the bay this week from Ocean Beach to the Bridge and down to the Inlet. Most days see 300-400 keepers taken. Rod figured 3 out of 4

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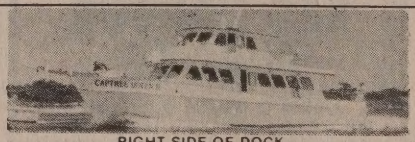
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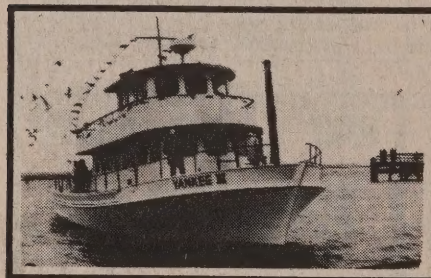

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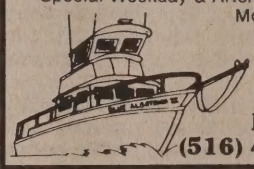

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of the fish are keepers in most of the areas being fished. The pool fish is generally in the 4 pound range. Flood tide has produced the best action but fish are being caught on both tides.

Capt. Joe DiLiberto of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** was equally impressed with the dramatic improvement in the local fluke picture. Excellent fishing was the rule on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, Joe fished a party headed by Steve Wolksi from New York Life Insurance. They worked from Kismet to the Lighthouse. On Sunday, a group from M & M Paint did a job at West Channel on the Ebb and at the Wreck Buoy and Lighthouse on the Flood. Joe reminded that he still has some good dates available for September and October.

Excellent fluking over the weekend according to Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II**. Gordon counted over 250 keepers each day with high hooks of 8 to 10 keepers on the AM trips. Fishing was significantly improved on the PM trips as well. Fishing is being done at the inlet with some especially good action at the Lighthouse on incoming water. Night bluefishing bounced back over the weekend with many 6 to 9 pounders taken south of the Inlet and on the Patchogue Grounds.

Capt. Ralph Green of the **Babylon** open boat **Miss Babylon** reported super fluking throughout the bay with a low ratio of shorts being taken. On Friday, Susan Ruden had 18 keepers to 3½ pounds. The pool was taken by a 4-plus pounder. On Saturday, Kathe Boreyko and family counted 30 keepers to 4 pounds. Sunday's fishing was excellent with 45 fares accounting for over 500 keepers with a 5.4 pound pool fish.

The B.C.A. charter boat **Tork I** nailed down first place in the Wooden Keg Tavern Shark Tourney held on Wednesday. Capt. Ed Torkidsen put 'Taxi' Ray onto a 170 pound mako to take the top spot among 48 anglers.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy spoke of real good fluking with all baits taking fish. Three out of four of the fish have been keepers with the fish spread from West Channel to the Inlet. Among the many boats racking up good scores in recent days were the Jen-Jac with 24 keepers on Saturday; the Waterwitch with 20 keepers each on Saturday and Sunday; Prides Pup returned with an exceptional catch of 67 keepers on Sunday. The fluke action came in particularly handy on Saturday when rough sea conditions kept many boats inshore. Sunday saw some bigeye action at the Canyon. The Tabu, Weasel and Irish Faker each decked a pair of bigeyes. On Thurs-

day, Dick Orlandi of Augie's ran his 3 Sea Sons to a spot NE of the Texas Tower. In a trip abbreviated by rough seas, the crew put away 25 yellowfin tuna from 30 to 80 pounds by 10:30 AM. More than half of the fish were released. Frank Scalia had the best, a 92 pounder. Tom mentioned that Bob Schneider of Schneider Lures will conduct a seminar on offshore lures on July 31st at 8PM at the Babylon American Legion Hall. Bob is up north to compete in this weekend's upcoming Babylon Tuna Club Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tournament. For more information, you can give Augie's a call. Before departing, Tom also spoke of good crabbing at the Village Dock and an improvement in the size of the snappers now being taken there as well.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported a 22 pound striper for Augie Piazza during the week. The fish was taken on a live bunker at the inlet. Fluke are in the news here as well. John Obedzinski and Ted Kip worked the inlet for 17 keepers on Saturday and 18 more on Sunday. They used killie and squid combos. On Saturday, John and Frank Davanzo netted 26 keepers between the Lighthouse and Coast Guard Station. Crabbing remains very good locally and snapper fishing is good but the baby blues remain on the small side. One youngster counted 25 blue claws and 71 snappers (returned) during a session at the Wellwood Ave. Dock. Little in the way of offshore news as most boats were thwarted by rough seas late in the week and on Saturday.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale spoke of very good fluking from the inlet and as far back in the bay as Ocean Beach. Flood tide producing the best scores. Cleaner water has made a significant difference in the action within the bay according to Bob. On Saturday, Fred Walters and a friend teamed to take 35 keepers at the inlet on sandeels. On Friday, Don Lander managed 11 keepers on live killies fishing from the Oak Beach shore. Many customers reported racking up good fluke scores over the course of the week and weekend. Some shark action reported SW of the inlet in 90 to 140 foot depths and the best bet for bluefish continues to be 8 to 12 miles south of Patchogue. Lots of snappers and crabs being taken locally and a reminder that the shop's Bluefish and Fluke Derby is underway. Stop in for more details.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported a 300 pound mako for Ray Wittman and Joe Savastano. Fluking is excellent with very few shorts being taken near the Coast Guard Station, Lighthouse and R.M. Bridge. Results for the weekend's South Shore Fishing Association's tournament included Ed Finn winning with a 71 pound white marlin and Mike Grasso with a 210 pound tiger shark. Frank also had word of some tuna action reported SE

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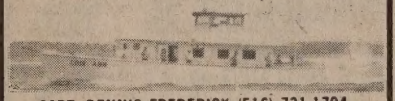

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of the NA Buoy on Sunday.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

This week has seen a return to some fairly decent fluking in this area after a couple of weeks of slow pickings. Strong floundering continues with sizes diminished slightly, but still respectable. Bluefish continue fair to excellent depending on the day or night and weather conditions. BCCs hot in specific spots, not all over and snappers have yet to show in sizes and abundance. Offshore, action has been fair to very good on the various tunas from the Tower to the Canyon.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford told of fluke increasing since last Monday with killies and squid working best. Four Corners to the second Wantagh was good as was pole 7 and buoys 13 and 14. Best catch has been a 5¼ lb. fluke for Tom Welch and Rick Miskovsky. Renny Cadolino bagged 18 keeper fluke at buoy 13 on the ebb while George Nesttner had 10 keepers at buoys 13 and 14. Joe Lutton nailed 16 fluke on killies and squid at buoys 13 and 14. Six to 7 lb. blues being caught around the Wantagh bridges on fluke rigs while a few large BCCs are being taken. Flounder activity still good around the Jones Piers area.

From the open boat **Chinco III** Captain Brian tells of good to excellent floundering all week with Carl Harmonglo, 47, Dick Schmidt 51, Steve Gerossy 42 and Mr. and Mrs. Houke 104. These fish were caught on the full day trips during the week with fish to 1½ lbs. in Sloop between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges. The weekend half day trips have seen catches into the 30s. Since there are some fluke now showing up, the boat will mix in a few fluke drifts per trip.

The word from **Wanser's Tackle** spotlights the very good flounder action, best places being 3rd Wantagh, Zachs Bay, meadowbrook bridge and the Short Beach CG station. Fluking picked up some at the end of the week with hotspots being bulkhead drain, Goose and Haunts Creeks. Some big weakfish in the bay swimming live bunker. A 10½ lber was caught that way at the 3rd Wantagh by Massapequa angler Phil

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	2:05	2:50	2:50	3:35	2:40	3:25	3:50	4:30	5:30	6:00	5:40	6:05	2:10	2:50	7/25
FRI.	3:05	3:50	3:50	4:35	3:45	4:25	5:00	5:25	6:45	7:10	6:40	7:10	3:15	3:50	7/26
SAT.	4:15	4:55	5:00	5:40	4:50	5:30	6:05	6:25	8:10	8:35	7:50	8:10	4:15	4:50	7/27
SUN.	5:25	6:00	6:05	6:40	6:00	6:30	7:05	7:25	9:25	9:45	8:55	9:15	5:20	5:45	7/28
MON.	6:30	6:55	7:10	7:40	7:05	7:30	8:00	8:20	10:30	10:45	9:50	10:10	6:15	6:40	7/29
TUES.	7:20	7:45	8:10	8:35	8:00	8:20	8:55	9:10	11:25	11:40	10:50	11:05	7:10	7:35	7/30
WED.	8:10	8:30	9:00	9:20	8:50	9:05	9:45	10:00	—	12:15	11:40	11:50	8:00	8:20	7/31
THURS.	9:00	9:15	9:50	10:10	9:40	9:55	10:30	10:45	12:25	1:00	—	12:25	8:45	9:05	8/1

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/25	5:46	8:26
FRI. 7/26	5:47	8:25
SAT. 7/27	5:48	8:24
SUN. 7/28	5:49	8:23
MON. 7/29	5:50	8:22
TUE. 7/30	5:51	8:21
WED. 7/31	5:52	8:20

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/25	2:21PM	12:11AM
FRI. 7/26	3:37PM	12:41AM
SAT. 7/27	4:52PM	1:17AM
SUN. 7/28	6:03PM	2:01AM
MON. 7/29	7:05PM	2:54AM
TUE. 7/30	7:57PM	3:57AM
WED. 7/31	8:38PM	5:06AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/17	7/24	7/31	8/8

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Fri.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:15
Sat.	1:30	7:40	1:50	8:05
Sun.	2:20	8:35	2:45	9:05
Mon.	3:20	9:30	3:40	10:00
Tues.	4:15	10:25	4:35	10:55
Wed.	5:10	11:20	5:30	11:45
Thurs.	6:00	—	6:25	12:15

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Z. with the top of the outgoing best. Sharpies are catching bass on clam bellies in the bay with lots of action and not too many keepers. Blues have been fantastic between Cholera and the Sisters. BCCs starting off Massapequa.

A call from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh also told of an upsurge in the fluking after a very picky period, mainly at the north end of the bay behind Seaford and Merrick, fish to 4 lbs., incoming best on sand eels and spearing. Flounder were great through Friday but slowed a bit on the weekend, probably due to heavy boat traffic. The holes off Short Beach CG were best with both tides producing fish to 1½ lbs., bloodworms best. The Jones Beach Piers for flounder and fluke were just fair. All of incoming and through 2 hours of the ebb. On Thursday, Pete bagged a 3½ lb. fluke on killies. Lots of weakfish on incoming water on sand worms at the Wantagh bridge. Some small blues mixed in with them. And some stripers on bellies in the back creeks.

Moving over to Merrick, Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells of some decent fluke catches at the juncture of Merrick Pt. and Carmen's Cut with Mr. Goodwin bagging 30 keepers drifting an incoming tide there this week. It's been flounder on worms in Swift Creek and the holes off the CG Station. The boat Marjon of Nick's Pt. Tuna Club fished NE of the Texas Tower this week boating a 160 lb. bigeye and 4 YFT, 30 to 40 lbs.

Out of Freeport, Bob at **Freeport Boatmen's Association** talked of the higher percentage of keeper fluke his boats are taking. Bob noted that the **Super Spray II** which has been working the inlet and Reynolds plus Short Beach did a lot better this week on fluke than the last two weeks, mainly on the AM flood tides. The day bluefish boats are catching but moving a lot as the fish have spread out between the Sisters and Cholera. Nights, however, the boats are loading up as the fish are schooling tighter in the same areas, running 5 to 15 lbs. Between the NOAA buoy and the Texas Tower, good catches of yft, bft, lfa and bet are being caught, mainly on plastic and feathers.

We hear from the charter boat **Lady J III** also of the improved fluking this week. Monday's trip was for the YM/YWHA of Flushing, led by Ron Katz. Tuesday's trip was for Camp Tanglewood, Lynbrook. Saturday's fluking was for a group from Grumman and on Sunday, it was the Kevin Byrne group from East Northport. As for blues, Wednesday's trip for the Joe Ryan group jigged them good south of the Jones Tower in 60 ft. of water. These were mainly 2 lbers. Friday's bluefish trip for Columbia Mechanical Corp, LIC, jigged 7 to 8 lb. blues roughly 20 miles SE of Jones and on Saturday night, a group of Budweiser drivers had solid bluefishing on bait in the same area.

The **Bluefin Fleet** told of better bluefishing offshore and better fluking in the bays this past week. Customers caught blues to 12 lbs. and fluke to 2 lbs. High hook on flounder was 33 for a Mr. Ottsberg. Gene Canham and Dick Winkler also had flounder catches in the high teens, fishing locally on a flood tide. Bluefishing has been brisk. Both day and night trips have been very productive, working south of Jones, jigs days, bait nights.

From the charter boat **Ivory Queen** we learn that on his offshore trips to the Tower and the Canyon during these last two weeks, good catches of mako shark, yellowfin tuna, and two 175 lb. class bigeyes have been taken by customers.

Aboard Capt. Richie's **Starstream II** fares enjoyed fair to good fishing right through Sunday night, with rough seas offshore Friday the only exception. Best action has been about 10 miles south of Cholera with fish running 3 to 8 lbs. with an occasional jumbo. The night trips have been equally good.

Aboard the **Miss Freeport II**, the skipper said fluking started to really pick up on Wednesday and that on Friday's trip John and Jim Hubler of RVc had 9 keepers between them. Saturday saw Jean DeMarco of Queens with a 4½ lb. pool winner. Fluking has definitely improved said the skipper with the top of the flood and the entire ebb productive, fishing sand eels in the inlet, killies in the bay. Night bluefish trips have been excellent as evidenced by Pete Harmon of Freeport on Thursday night with 59 and Matt Lewis of Lynbrook with 63 and the pool. Wednesday night was great also and Tony says there excellent bluefishing now.

The **Captain Lou Fleet** reported excellent floundering all week with high hooks in the 50s and 60s. Friday saw Rosemary Christo, Queens with 40 flounder plus a 2½ lb. pool fish.

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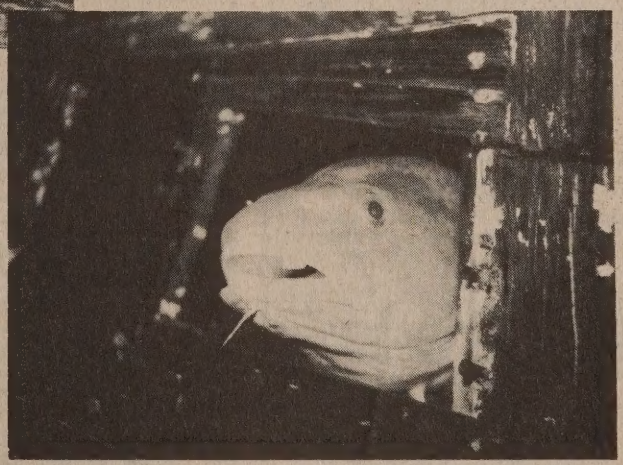

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The day and late afternoon trips have been consistently super with flood tides best. On Sunday Walt Duichalto using a Capt. Charlie Nappi Flounder rig took 2nd place in the pool along with 39 other flatties all on worm and clam. On the **CL V** fishing half-day trips, fluke action took an increase with both tides producing both in the inlet and in the back. It was 10 keeper fluke on Thursday for Bob Berillo, Bronx. Friday's AM trip had Mitch Eisenberg of Merrick with 9 keepers. Saturday's PM trip had Mr. Lee with 11 good fish. Sunday's AM pool was a 4 lber for 8 year old David montibella while on the PM trip Debbie Roberts of Manhattan bagged a 6 lb. fluke. These catches were on killies, spearing and sand eels.

We hear from the 2 trip a day boat **Raider** that his fluke trips have been productive all week right through Sunday. On Saturday's trip Jim Duncan and Sam Matthew of Valley Stream nailed 10 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. while Tony Freeman and 5 year old son Zack also had 10 keepers on the AM trip. On the PM trip it was a 3½ lb. pool fish for Larry Reinhardt with the boat fishing the back and the inlet on sand eels. Sunday's action was good too with fish mostly keepers in the inlet.

Down in Pt. Lookout Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** tells of sharpy Ed Puzio with 50 keeper fluke he took Friday fishing buoys 17, 19, the Flats and more. Ed said fish were 60 percent keepers and he caught on spearing and killies on both tides. Flounder catches have been very solid

with Bill Frettered Sr and Jr of the Bronx taking 65 flounder out in front of the Short Beach CG station on worms all around the high. Paul and Ted Giovaniello accounted for 64 flatties in Swift Creek on bloods.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** of a definite fluke upturn this week. During the week several trips high hooks ran to 10 to 12 keepers. Saturday AM 10 fish went 3 lbs. or better with high hook regular Phil with 12 keepers. Saturday PM Evelyn Sachs took 7 keepers including a 3¼ lb. pool winner. Sunday AM action was good in the inlet wiht high hook 15 fluke while on the PM trip Shirley Webber had 4 keepers plus the pool while high hook honors went to Lee Kramer with 15 fluke. Best action has been in the inlet on the flood tide with sand eels as hook bait. The boat's night bluefishing trips have been great all week said Ron with Saturday night seeing roughly 500 good blues come over the rail. The only slow night was Friday due to the wind and storm. Bluefish high hook Wednesday was 70 for Lee Kramer working south of the Sisters. Wednesday AM, to return to the fluke for a moment, regular Mitch had 5 keepers and a 3 lb. pool winner while on the PM trip Artie Hartman was happy with 8 keepers.

Word from the **captain Bill** sailing two trips a day for flounder weekends only told of a very good Saturday AM on a flooding tide for Mike Vandacourt of Bellmore with 38 flounder and 56 for Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury, a fixture on the boat. Action was pickier in the PM on the ebb tide. Sunday's AM triop was good again with high hook in the 20s, with the fish loving that rising water.

Aboard the **Captain Al** this week, aside from an odd day or night of tougher fishing due to weather conditions, the bluefishing was good, with diamonds days, bait at night. The area from Cholera to the 3 Sisters has been most productive with an occasional swing out to the SE as well. Fish have been running 2 to 8 lbs. with a stray lunker mixed in.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** this week, on Tuesday night Theo's Pub of Freeport had great bluefishing wtih 13 club members bailing over 300 blues from 2 to 4 lbs. on bait and chum. Wednesday's trip for the Tasty Bread drivers had excelent flounder fishing on incoming tide, fish 1 to 2 lbs. to the tune of 20-30 fish a man. On the blues, Thursday was good, Friday a slow pick working south of the 3Sisters. Fish ran 4-8 lbs. on diamonds and on trolled umbrellas. Saturday's trip was for the Dol-Fin Pub with great floundering in the AM. Joe Perri and Mike Whalen had 103 between them. Miss Shalell had 21, Mike and Andy Bodner, 48, and Donna Malcolm. The pool went to Rich Malitch with a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder. Sunday's trip for Hicksville Hose Co. #7 had very good flounder action with 5 anglers bagging 120 fish. Steve Carney had 45 himself.

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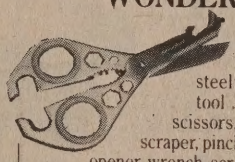
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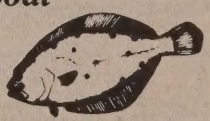

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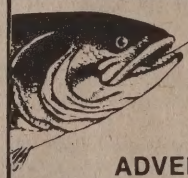

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Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** also told of super flounder along with a good number of keeper fluke as well. Flounder running 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. and a few bigger. Hotspots have been Reynolds and Sloop Channel from the CG station to the big M on worms and clam. The fluke have been hitting killie and squid and also bucktails fished on the shoals at the top of the tide. Big blues offshore at Cholera and chumming will hold them there during the day.

Out of Island Park, the **Commodore** told of a great Sunday of fluking at the channels with Cliff and carol Syppa taking 20, Frank and Anita Gruber 22, Tom Mistretta 17, Mary Rodick, 18, John Trost 17 and the pool winner being a 5½ lber. A lot of 3 lb. fish were caught and there were nearly 300 keepers on the boat Sunday. Fares on Saturday had 8 to 9 fish apiece on the average while Monday through Friday it was picky all week in Debs and off Riis.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we also hear of the increased fluking in western Reynolds and from Duck Pt. to the ABB and actual good fluking onthe north side of Ambrose. Snappers continue to build in local creeks and bays w hile bccs remain a little on the slow side, but big in East Rockaway, Island Park and Oceanside. Flounder still a good bet off the Jones Beach Piers with fish fat. Chumming is a must for good catches anywhere from the Big M to the JB piers.

The word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of spotty fluking in Reynolds. Sunday was good, however, with more keepers and more total

Cliff Smith trolled this 10 lb. weak on a red umbrella rig a short distance outside of Jones Inlet. The tiderunner was weighed at Scotty's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

fish. Bob Burger, William Scampon fished buoy 5 anchoring and chumming with bunker chum on the bottom and live killies on the last 3 hours of the flood took 27 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. A word to the wise?Joe Beller fishing off his dock in Reynolds took a 3 lb. fluke on a live killie. Blues for trollers outside 40 feet of water and liveliners inside on live bunker. Don and Frank Durando fished a local wreck taking a tub of ling, sea bass and blackfish. BCCs and snappers in the back.

Dave at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach called the fluking slow with the best being along the beach, fish to 3 lbs. and cocktail blues along the beach at Playland. Sunday saw Jesse York fishing the Texas Tower taking 20 pollock to 12 lbs. and an 80 lb. white marlin. The pollock took jigs and the marlin went for a 4 lb. pollock on a hook. Two other white marlin were dropped on the same trip.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over at **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway, skip called fluking still slow in his area with Sandy Hook about the best spot he knew of for good fluking. Local flounder catches remain strong at Short Beach and Swift Creek on bloods and clam. BCCs skippy called excellent in Bay Park and East Rockaway channel with snappers small but plentiful.

Sitting on Jamaica Bay **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** told of catches of blues, fluke and small porgies. Charles Batzyel, age 13, bagged a 4¾ lb blue on live bunker, incoming tide off the North Channel bridge. Thorton Booker nailed a 15 lb. blue fishing at the Marine Parkway bridge working a live bunker on a dropping tde. Jim Mackay managed an 8½ lb. weak also the marine pkwy bridge on a bunker chunk on the ebb.

In Sheepshead Bay the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** told of a jump in the fluking to some extent towards the end of the week. Andy Imperialli had a 5 ½ lb. fluke off the Coney Island Flats as did Butch Obrien with his 5 lb. 9 oz. fluke. This was all on sand eel/squid combos. Sal Snardani was happy with a 6 lb. sea bass taken aboard the open boat **Shamrock**. Willie said the bluefishing seems to be best at night with action at Farms and 17, all on bait. The boats are chasing the fish during the day with diamonds. Some big porgy catches being made here and there also.

Captain Mickey Hipper of the two trip a day open boat **Shamrock** called to say his new schedule is sailing at 7AM and 2PM daily. His trips have been productive for the last couple of weeks working spots in Jamaica Bay but mainly over on the Jersey side. See ad for full details.

Aboard the **Flamingo III** this week despite a couple of tough days due to weather conditions, the bluefishing has been extremely satisfactory to plentiful with fish mixed sizes. Saturday night's trip was very productive on bait and chum.

Captain Butch of the open boat **Zephyr** was happy to tell of good fluking all week through Sunday. Most action has been in the bay and from Sandy Hook to Old Orchard light and some trips off the Jersey Coast. Catches of keepers have ranged from 5 to 40 a man depending on the day and the angler's skill. Sand eels and fluke belly have been prime baits.

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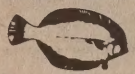

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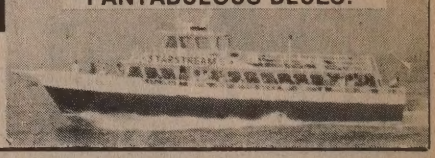

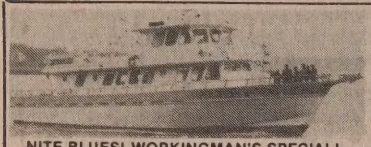

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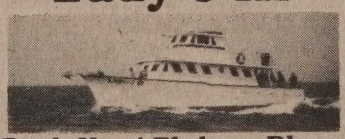

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North Shore REPORT
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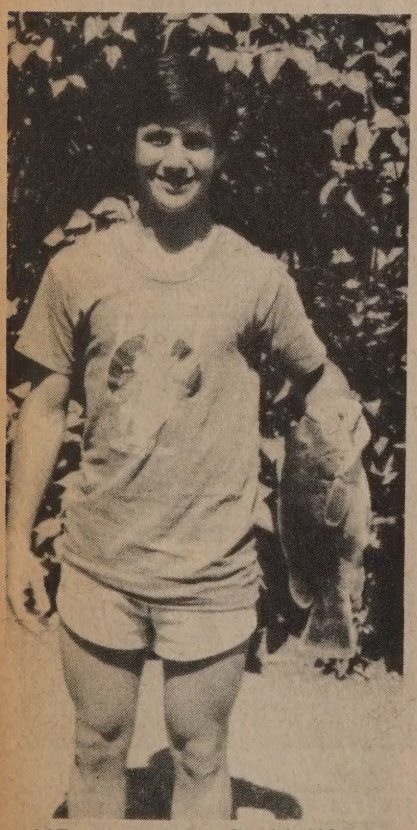
"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." It all depended on your quarry and location. Bluefish, some large, were pleasing anglers on the west end, but fluke were definitely not pleasing most anglers to the east. Porgies remained happily consistent. Perhaps it was all due to hot, humid weather.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** said that there were bluefish to 16 pounds off No Nations, New Rochelle, and Mamaroneck. One big weakfish of 14 was taken on a live bunker, and some of the action was on top on poppers. Small scup and small stripers were also available for the dedicated.



LIF subscriber David Katz shows the 7 lb. blackfish he caught aboard the family boat, Lady Jane II, near Execution Rock in Western Long Island Sound.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport** reported that Ron Oldenburg and Art Miller were still scoring well on bass in the 15-20 pound range. Bunker and chunks were the baits of choice. Weakfish were few and far between but Wendy Mahoney showed up with a 9 pounder. Jeffrey Thom and Tony L had a large catch of blues from Cold Spring Harbor, fish in the 12-17 pound range. Snappers were small and abundant.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** told us that the humid weather and high temperatures seem to have pushed the bull of the blues into deep, mid-sound waters off Cranes. Saturday and Sunday provided decent fishing for those who followed skipper's instructions. Fish were in the 3-8 pound range.

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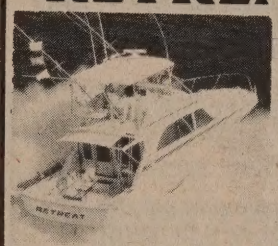
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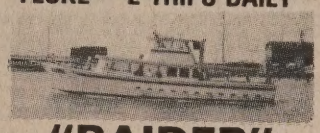
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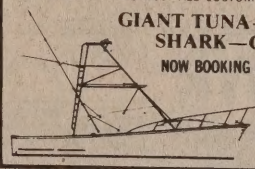
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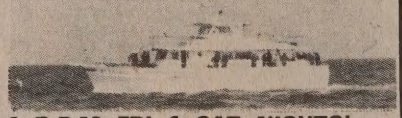

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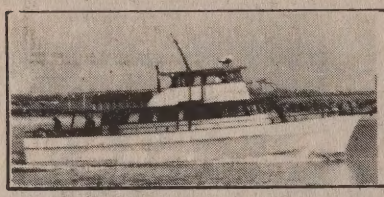

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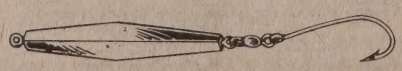

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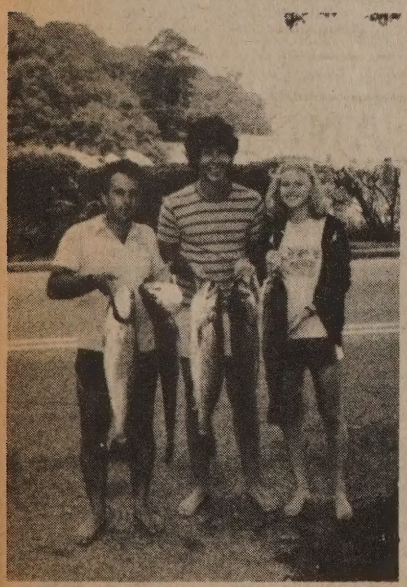
dow. Some sports had 4-5 fish while others had 15 or more. A few blackfish and weakfish and a lot of small bluefish were also noted in the catches. Weaks are in the 4-5 pound class, and it pays to use a high hook.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** allowed that there were fluke all over with some very good catches on spearing-squid combinations. Mike Eckert pulled a 6½ pounder from Eatons Neck, but the Coast Guard Station, Valley Grove, Sand City, and Target Rock were all good. The Gazzinis, John Jr. and Sr., had 8 blues to 15 pounds under the bunker schools in Lloyd Harbor. Northport Bay and Centerport were good as well. Carole Corine trolled 11 blues to 15 pounds off Marshall Field with wire. A few weakfish were reported off Asharoken for those trolling and drifting worms, and there were plenty of medium porgies in the bay. One 2.8 scup was weighed in by a bass fisherman, taken on a worm.

Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** had plenty of daytime blues ranging from cocktails to 5 pounds with an occasional 8. Hopes are that there will be a set up on larger fish in the bay on the night trips when the first forays take place this week. There are 3 night trips scheduled per week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport** liked the diamond jigging for big bluefish off the Lilco Platform, and Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** felt that umbrella trollers were doing equally well.



The Wallsheins with five big weaks taken on green Tiger Tails just west of the Lilco platform on July 7. Subscriber photo.

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There is just no way to pinpoint the 20 pound alligators occasionally found in the area, but smaller fish abound. Fluking west of Eatons is good, according to Bowman.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that the porgy fishing was good all week on fish from ¾ pound up. The hot areas were Oldfield and Cranes. Fluking is still reasonable around the Pink House, Flacks, and Old Sow.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** figures that the porgies are decent but no giants, and that the weakfish are still around with the scup schools. Ms. Cincotta managed 10½ and 8½ pound weaks on porgy rigs while pulling scup. Tautog anglers were headed for the Middle Grounds.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Shop** felt that fluking was slowing down and that dragging had cut into the mass of fish in the Roanoke area. Except for early morning, Sound bluefishing was spotty with the best angling for slammers and gorillas off Port Jefferson. Trolling black tubes at night on wire was productive. There seemed to be a pick of rat bass towards the east, and humpback porgies are available, but not for your average porgy angler.

The **Prowler** from **Port Jeff** had a lot of blues from 3-5 pounds off Smithtown Bay in the Dumping Grounds. Buoys 9, 11, and the Nissequogue

Nick Grismondi sent along this photo of his big weakfish, caught in Noyac Bay aboard the "White Mist" back on May 13.

mouth were also recommended. Bob Burkhardt was high-hook on Sunday with fish to 7 pounds.

NORTH FORK

Bill Stamatis at **Warren's** felt that fluking on the Sound around the Beachcomber was now a hunt-and-pick situation in the shallows. Friday was a very good day for scup and there were blues stretched all the way from Buoy 5 to the Motel. Tony Taylor had a 12½ pound tiderunner fishing for scup off Iron Pier.

Liz at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that the crew enjoyed a good weekend on scup in the 1 pound bracket with a few large ones, a few sea bass, and even a few weakfish. Fluking was slowing down on smaller fish.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** saw some weaks and porgies in numbers off the South Race, Buoy 26, and Cow Neck, with some catches off the Middle Grounds and Roses on incoming water. You have to anchor and chum, says Sal. The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** was discouraged about the eastern Peconics with only one lone catch of porgies off Buoy 17 in the reports. Most boats seem to be coming back empty handed unless

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Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** saw some pretty good porgy fishing still going on for the **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X**. These boats are now running from Gardiner's to the Sound for drops on good numbers of fish.

Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** reported some good night trips on blues last week with 7-10 slammers per fare on Wednesday and Friday nights. The 4:30 sailings generally hit the fish in the Gut, the Race, or Pigeon Rip, and pool fish run over 12 pounds. AVA 8 ounce jigs (no tails) with short 80 pound test traces are recommended medicine in waters deeper than 90 feet. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** has been loading some 100-150 big blues and occasional weaks on daytime trips. The **Prowler** had a 7¼ pound fluke this week and there was one 6½ pounder reported from the Nancy Ann II.

However, as far as numbers were concerned, the fluking seems to be discouraging for most of the open boats on most days. Roughly 35-40 fish per boat is the norm and most fish are bare keepers. One puzzling fact is the lack of sandeels in the Gardiner's zone, and even the big fluke are only s spotting squid, according to Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time III**. Bellows will be trying a lot of different rips in a lot of different places this week.

Blue Albatross fans are hoping for a speedy return of John Rainis to the cockpit after he's finished with some tests at the VA Hospital in Northport. The Rainisies have been helped out by Billy Russo and Don Poeter at the helm.

Dale Spartas made the trek from his home in Stamford, Conn. to Montauk, and was rewarded with this big, surf-caught weak. Subscriber photo.

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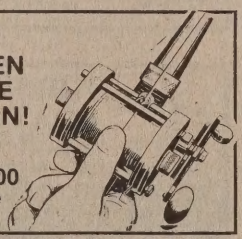

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Surf REPORT
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It was again difficult to find much in the way of encouraging surf news this week. From all indications, we are deep in the throes of an earlier than normal, August doldrum period.

Small blues remain a hit or miss affair at South Shore inlets and along some stretches of the North Shore. The bulk of this limited action is confined to early mornings and evenings. Here and there an occasional cow bass is being sneeked from South Shore inlets, but by and large, nighttime bass and weakfish action is very poor.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported the surf dead with just a few small blues on occasion at Moriches Inlet. A similar situation exists on north shore beaches opposite Patchogue.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban did have one lone surf report to file. Hard fishing Mike Sala managed a 9½ pound weakfish along with 2 short bass Sunday morning at Robert Moses.

Although a couple of big blues into the low teens were picked from the Cedar Bar on bait this past week, most casters there are keeping busy with fluke.

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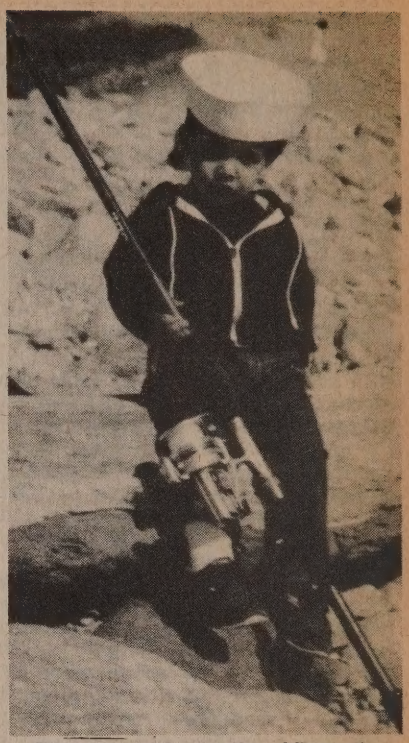

Two-year-old Justin Viscomi looks all set to tackle the Montauk surf during a recent visit to the Point. Subscriber photo.

cow, a call to **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** revealed a 52 pound 1 ounce striper taken early Saturday morning by Mike Costello of Hicksville. According to Mike Nicoletti, Costello took the trophy bass on a 5½ inch splitback Rebel and paired the striper with a 10 pound weakfish. He was reluctant to share any other details of the catch with the shop owner.

Out at **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported that the surf has remained in its summer doldrums. Friday night did see four or five weaks and a couple of short bass picked at Shagwong by casters—certainly nothing to get excited about. On Saturday night, many casters returned hoping for a showing of fish and no weaks were taken. Along the south side sand beaches, just a couple of very small blues on occasion.

Up on the north shore, George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington** said the only news coming from area beaches concerned bluefish during the week at Caumsett. Dusk provided the best shot at the fish with an occasional weak mixed with the blues. Night tides have been quiet.

Over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel said that despite managing a 17½ pound striper himself on Friday night, bass catches have been few and far between with a lot of time being put in for very few fish. The same can be said for weakfish. Small bluefish, up to 3 pounds have been fairly consistent

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along Rocky Point beaches in the early morning hours however.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Little change since last week on the freshwater front. Small bass continue to pounce on baits and lures before the larger fish can get a look at them in most lakes. Due to the high heat, trout fishing continues to be on the slow side, even in the parks where anglers are now workng a little harder to fill their limits. Pickerel fishing seemed to perk up a little bit while carp, catfish and panfish continue to present easy targets. As one might suspect, cloudy days, early mornings and late evenings are producing the vast majorityof fish reported. Up in the waters of Lake Ontario, the superb acton with brown and lake trout continues.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook reports that there is some good action with perch in Babylon's Argyle Lake, while Grant Park and Hempstead Lake continue to produce scores of small bass and panfish. Charlie also mentioned that his son stopped by Belmont Lake early one morning where he caught several pickerel to 15 inches on a Mepps spoon.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantaug, Bobby Turturello informs us that Dave Romeo took eight legal bass from the Peconic River on Saturday. Dave used killies and plastic worms for bait. Also on Saturday, Doug Glinski used a killie to fool a 2.12 pound bass in upper Twin Lake.

The word from Fed Laager at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in Farmingdale, was that bass fishing has been pretty good considering the time of year. Witness Hank Melton, who scored with bass of 2.75 and 3.25 pounds on Saturday in the Peconic River. Hank also nailed three pickerel to 20 inches. Fred, who took a canoe trip on the river Saturday, also said that he saw shore fishermen on Forge Pond who had scored with several large pickerel. They used killie baits.

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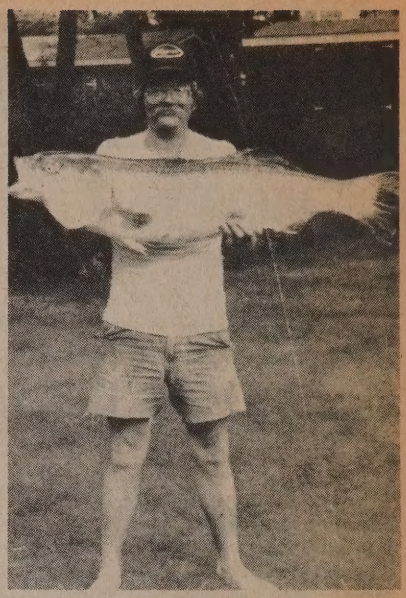


Skip Anderson caught this 37 lb. striper from the beach inside Fire Island Inlet back on July 5th. A live bunker turned the trick on Skip's largest surf caught striper to date.

Fred added that carp fishing in the Seatucket Mill Pond has been red hot. Two youngsters that he spoke with had caught and released several 5 pounders during the week. Doughballs or marshmellows seem to be doing the trick.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle,** Mike Andreani claimed that he has gotten few freshwater reports of late, but he did know that some carp were being caught regularly in Hawley's Pond and pickerel were still cooperating with killie dunkers over at Southards.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon, a fellow by the name of Nick weighed in a 1 pound perch which he caught in Gieger Lake on a killie bait. Plenty of small perch are ready and willing in Southards Pond with a few pickerel to 20 inches mixed in according to Tom. Killies are the best bet.

Over on Lake Ronkonkoma, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters,** reminded fishermen working the open waters here to fish on cloudy days, or else very early or late in the day. There are some bass available for those anglers who follow these guidelines. Edwin Trone took four fish up to 15 inches this week. Panfish and cats are still cooperative, but you have to keep your baits close to the bottom even for the sunnies as the bright sun is causing them to lay low.

From his office at Connetquot River State Park, Gil Bergen passed on word that the river continues to produce limit catches of brooks, browns, and rainbows. The hot weather, however, has meant that fishermen must go deep into aquatic vegetation with streamers or nymphs to limit out during the warmer ses-

sions. There has been some fine dry fly fishing during the evening hours.

Across the Island at Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti blamed the somewhat slow fishing on the extreme heat. "The fish are there, but just not hitting as well as usual," he lamented. One lucky anglers, though, did manage to nail a 5.2 pound brown in the Main Pond on Tuesday.

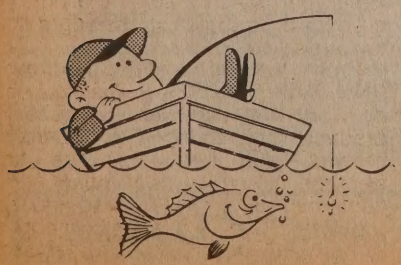
Not too much to report from **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale this week. About the only action they had heard of were limits of trout taken from the park by Brian Flood and Fran Carnese. Fish ranged up to 2.5 pounds.

From the boys at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in Patchogue comes word that the catfish are biting well in Cannon Lake. Also, there are a few brown trout passing through the tidal creeks. Second place in the shop's largemouth bass contest has been upgraded to a 5.6 pound fish by Robert Centado, who caught the lunker on a nightcrawler, which he dangled in the waters of Patchogue's Mill Pond.

Although Al Schreier of **112 Sportsman's Center** in Medford was sworn to secrecy as to the exact location, he was able to tell me that Frank Marone checked in a 3.14 pound bass and Lou Caldwell put one on the scales that went 4.15 pounds. Lou Schulkin took seven bass in one and a half hour of fishing on Yaphank Lake. Lots of shorts around.

Out east, at the **Fisherman's Deli,** George Devlin said that the bass fishing seemed to pick up a little this week. Lots of small bass were taken from Peconic River including twelve fish in the 10 to 15 inch range which were caught by Gary Scoggins and friends on nightcrawler baits. On Sunday, Bill Bliss and Steve Jackson combined for eight bass to 3 pounds and two pickerel, largest a 4 pounder. The fish were caught in Forge Pond. Paul Rubost had a catch of 50 white perch in Wildwood Lake fishing in the evening hours one day this week.

From **Odyssey Charters** in Rochester, Bill Johnson reports that the great brown and lake trout fishing experienced over the last two weeks in the waters of Lake Ontario is still red hot! Lakers and browns up to 12 pounds were taken this week in 70 to 80 feet of water over 150 foot depths. Bob Keebler's party from Connecticut used black and silver evil eye spoons to boat twenty-four fish in a day and a half. Most of the fish are being taken in 49 to 50 degree water.



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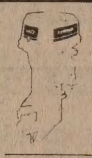

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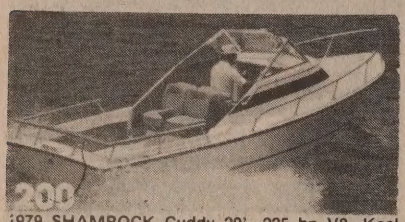

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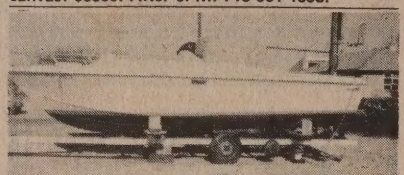

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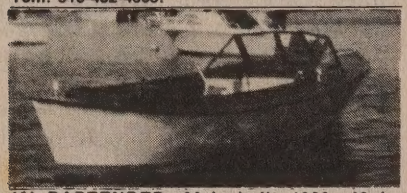

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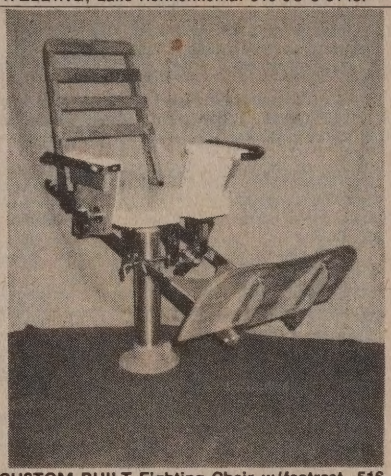

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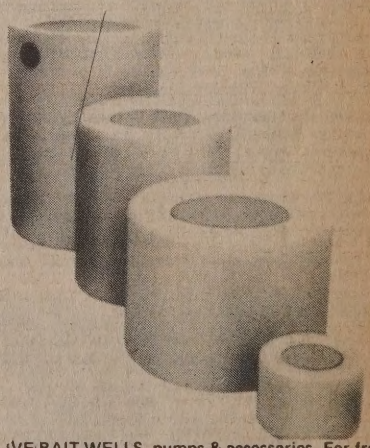

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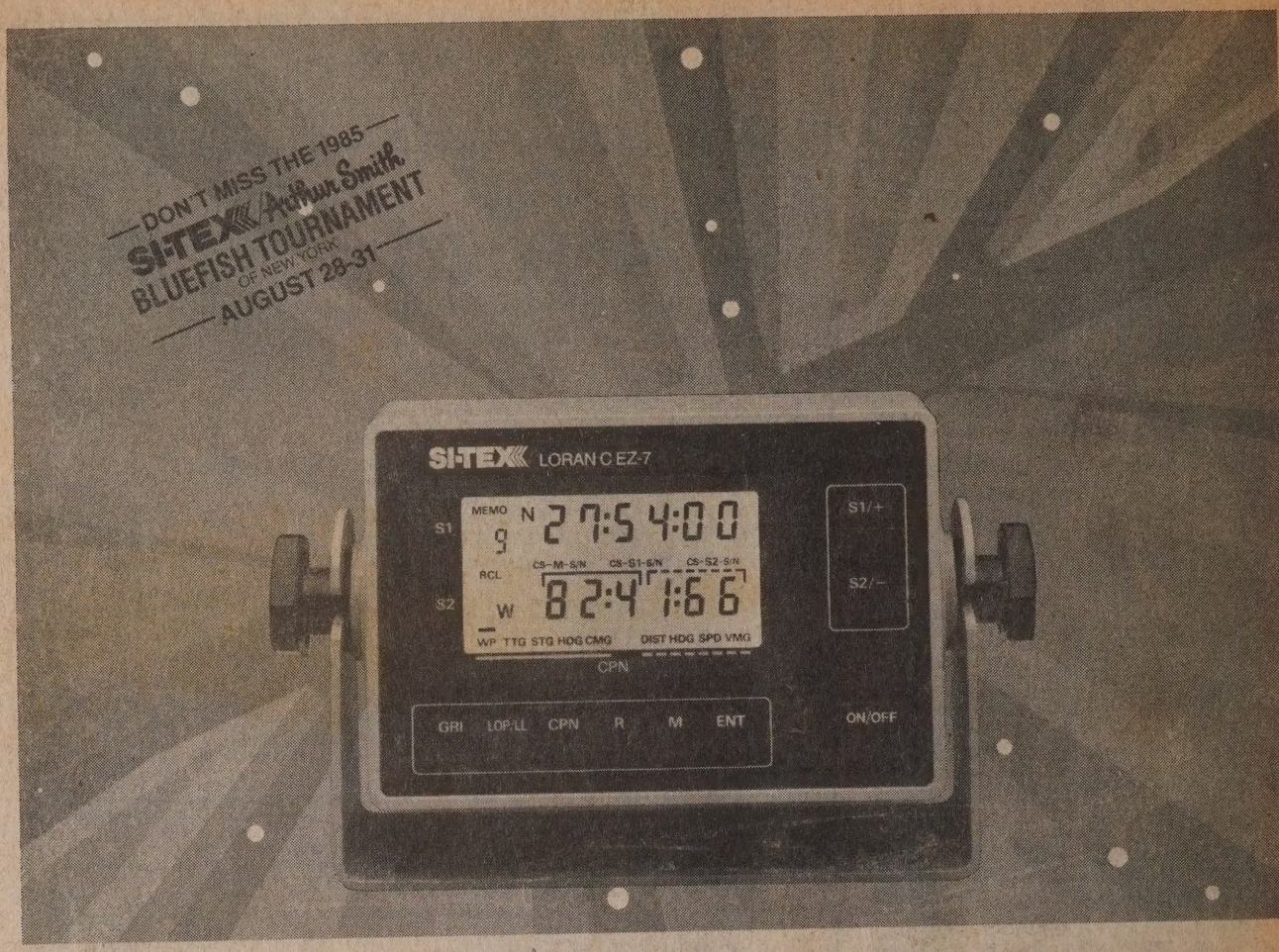

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